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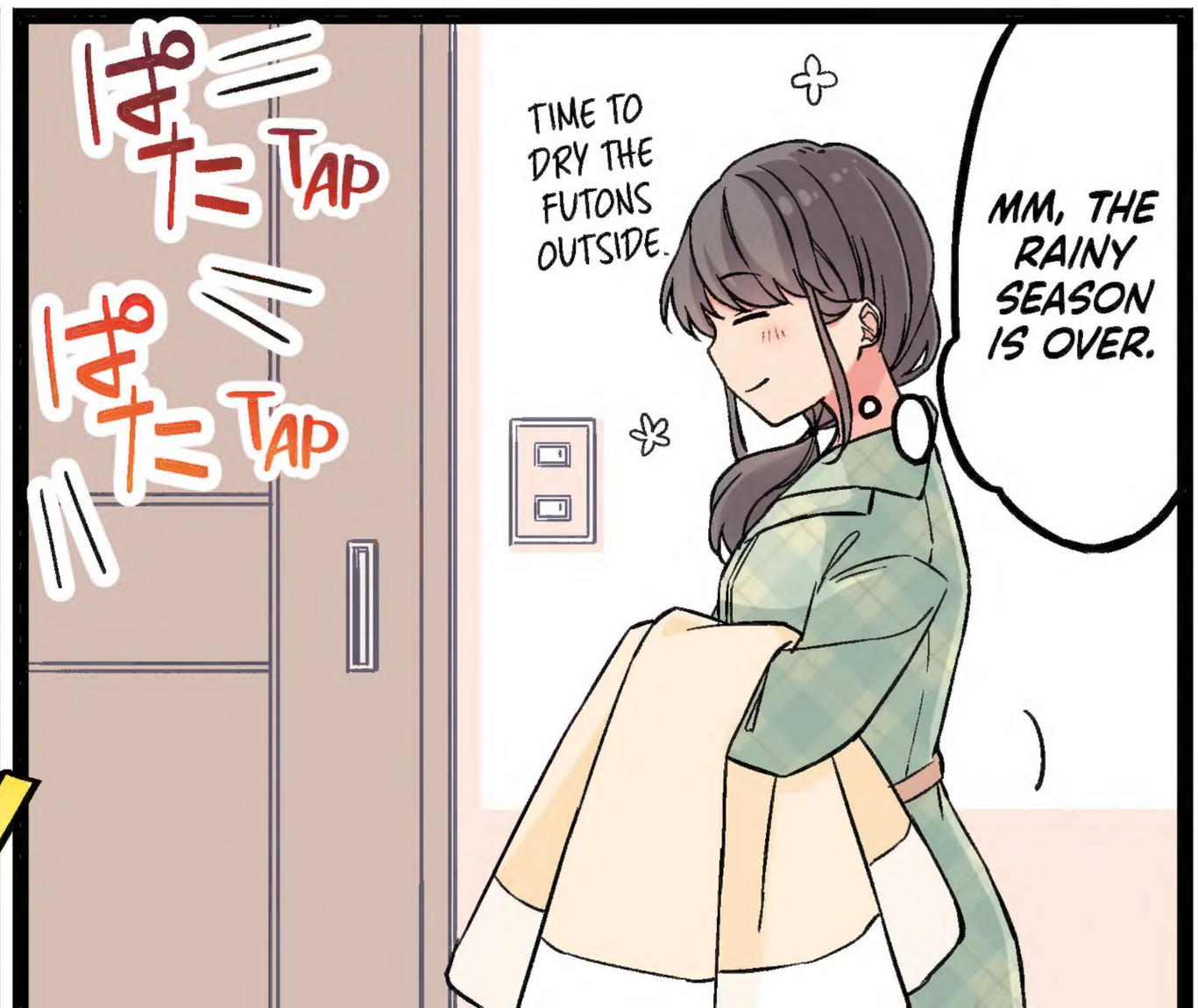


HM?

ARE YOU HEADING OUT?

U-UM... YEAH.

UM...

I KINDA NEED YOUR HELP WITH CHOOSING AN OUTFIT, SO...

THERE YOU ARE!

OH, MOMMY!

YOU SEE...

I'M GOING TO THE ARCADE WITH KAORI.

SO...

U-UM... YEAH.

OKAY.

DO YOU STILL HAVE SOME TIME?

MM.

YOU LOOK GREAT!

D-DOES...

THIS LOOK OKAY ON ME?

EEP...

MM.

TAKE CARE.

O-OH.

IN THAT CASE...

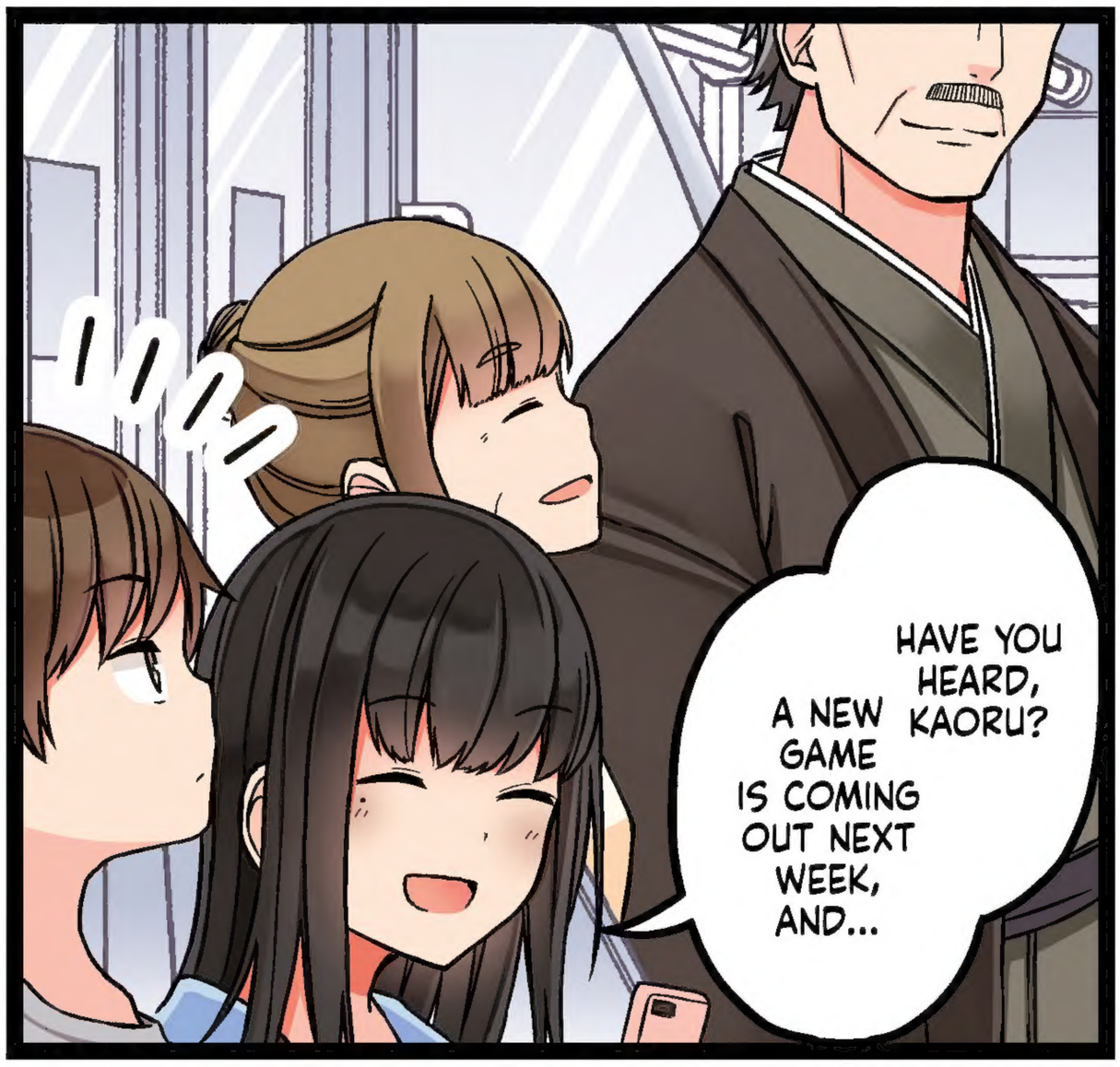
SEE YOU LATER, MOMMY.

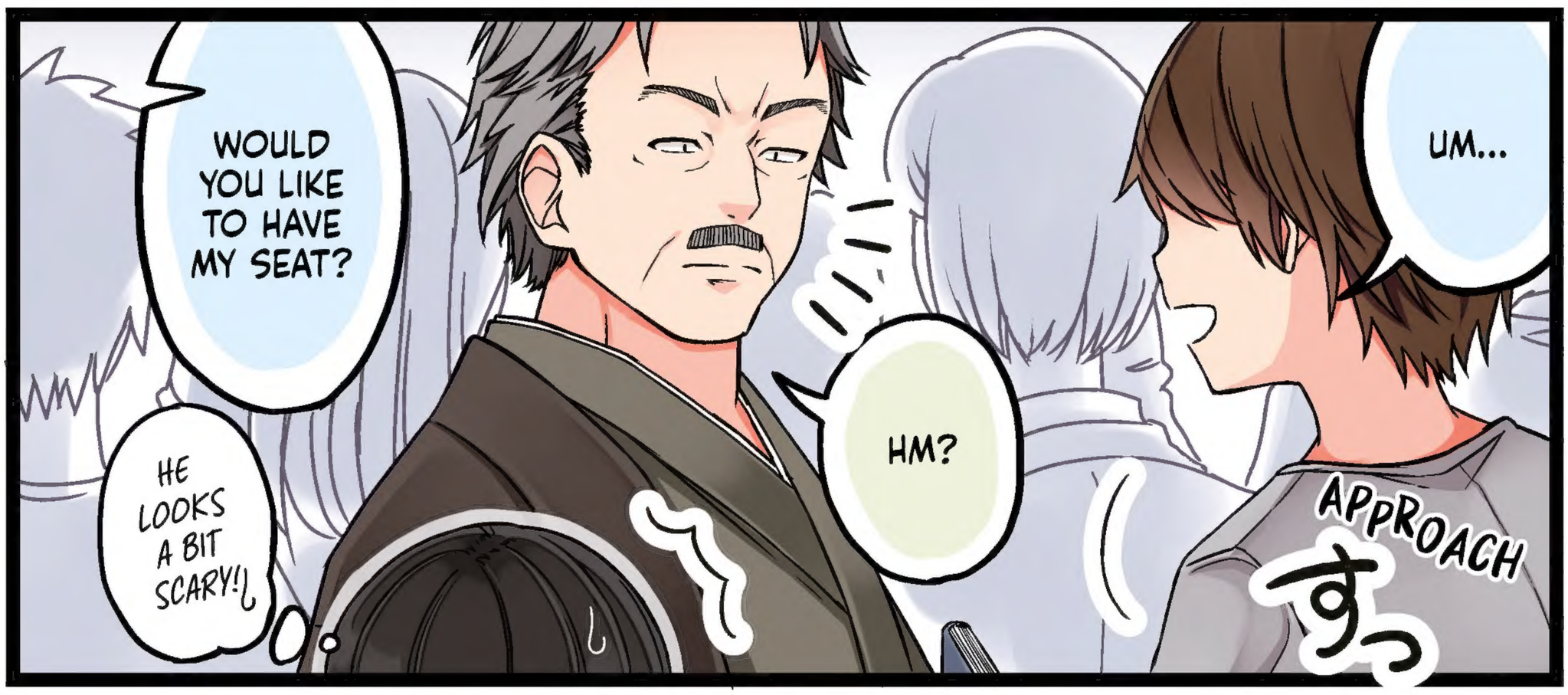
YEP.

THE WEATHER REALLY IS LOVELY TODAY.

NEXT

LEVEL 56 WHAT A WEAK TOP DECK





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OH, WELL, THIS IS...

WHOA, KAORU'S REALLY GOOD AT CHATTING WITH STRANG-ERS.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER.

BY THE WAY, IF I MAY ASK, WHAT KIND OF BOOK IS THAT?

UM!

OH...

TURN

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GASP

I'M GLAD FOR YOU, DARLING.

POINT

UM!

BODY LAN-GUAGE.

ERR...

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BO…

THANK YOU, BUT I'M FINE.

ガシッ

SAD

WHAT A WEAK TOP DECK! ARE THOSE THE ONLY CARDS YOU HAVE TO PLAY FOR OFFERING YOUR SEAT?!

Um Err Um ook ook

はら WORRY

はら WORRY

BOOK…

BOOK!

あわ PANIC

あわ PANIC

?

GRAB

¿HUH?

!

NANAMI…

OH WELL, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO HELP HER OUT.

ぐわ WHIRL

YOU SEE...

I WANT TO STAND NEXT TO HIM, SO YEAH!

WELL...

UM!

I SAID SOMETHING WEIRD, I SAID SOMETHING WEIRD, I SAID SOMETHING WEIRD!

I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE THE WRONG IDEA, SO...

UM, I CAN EXPLAIN!

OH, MY.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER!♡

BLUSH

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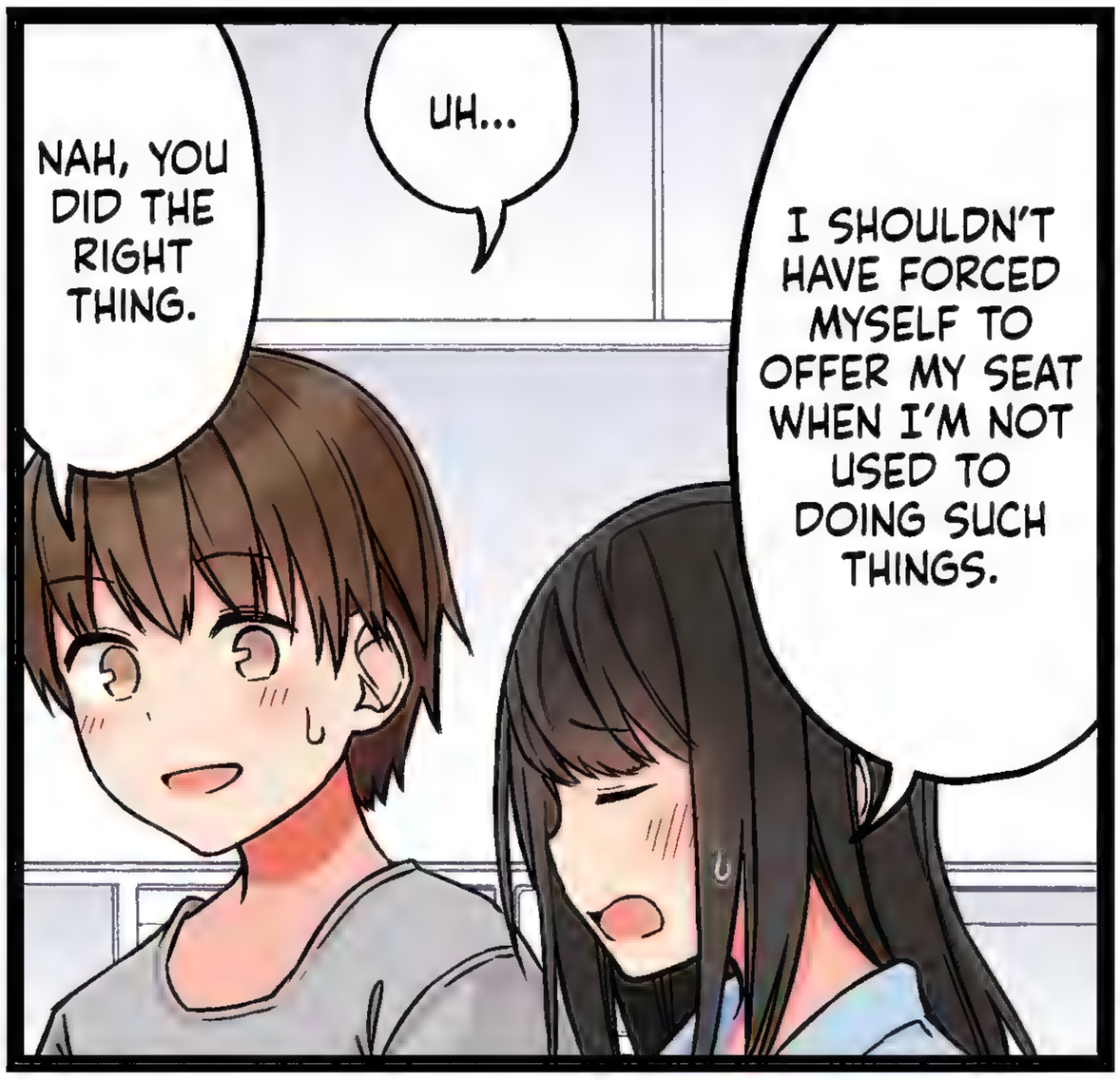

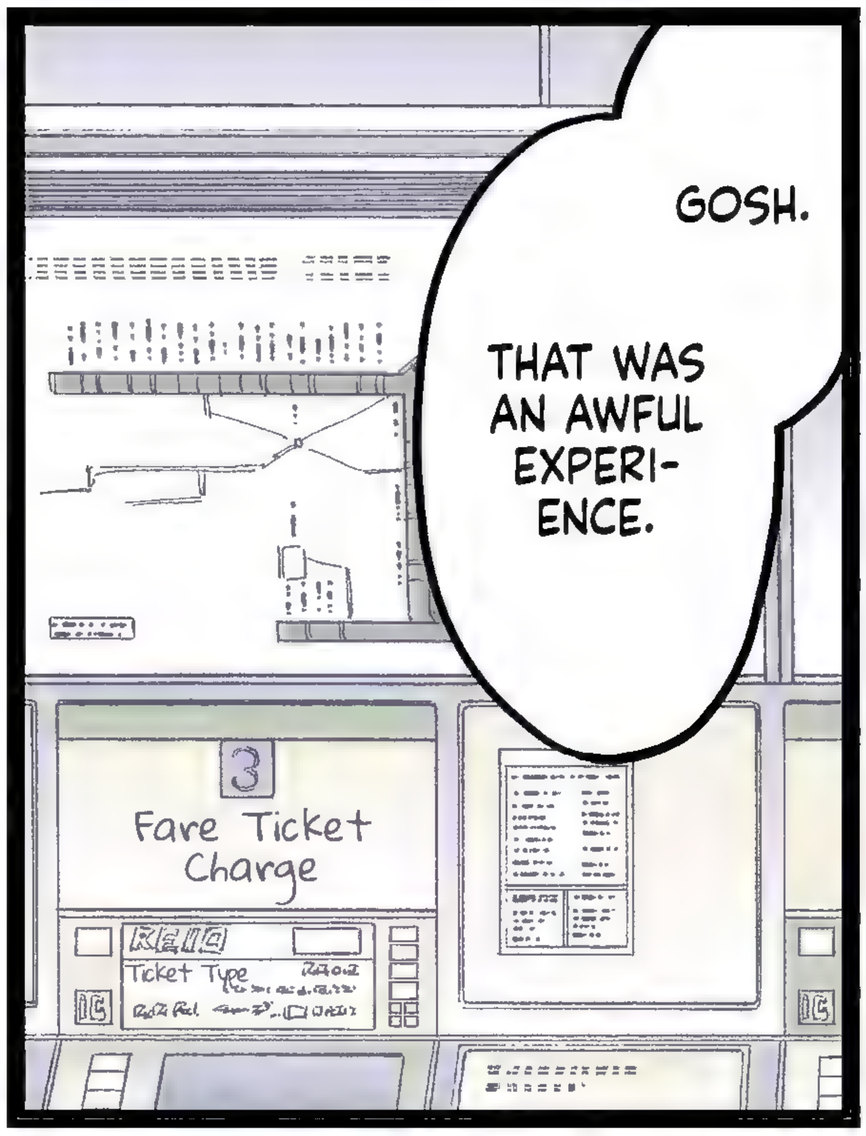

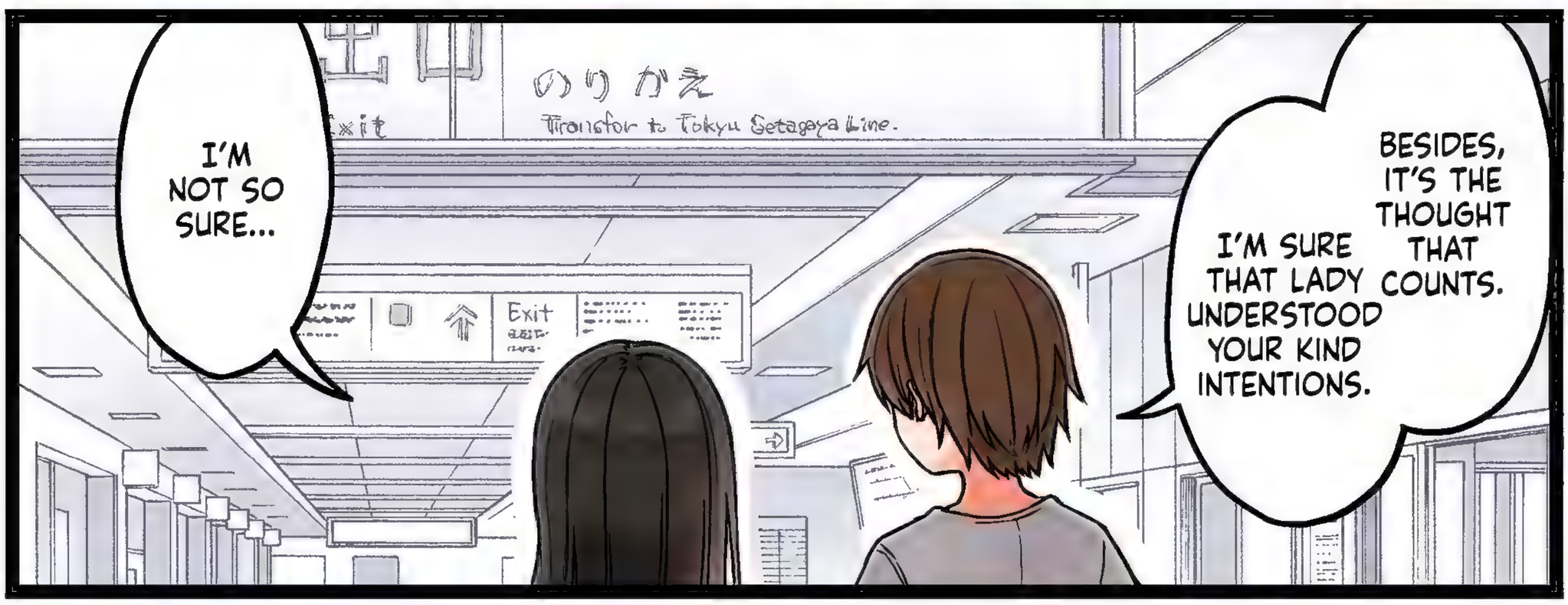

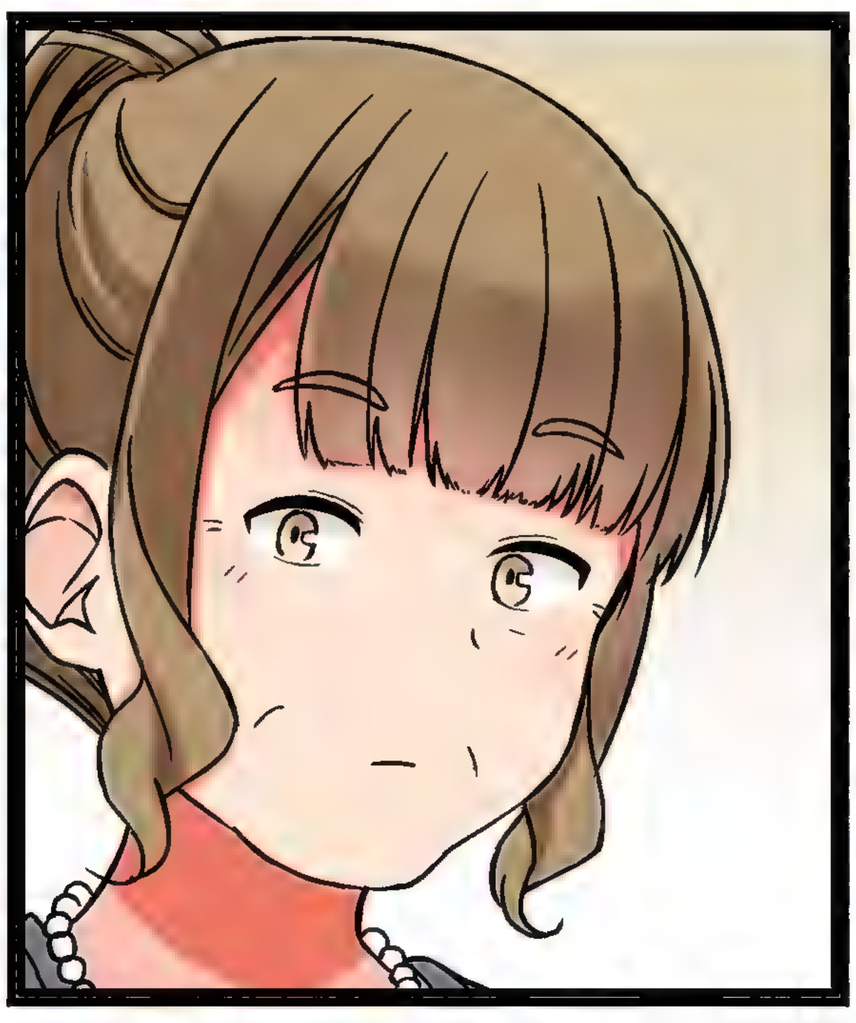

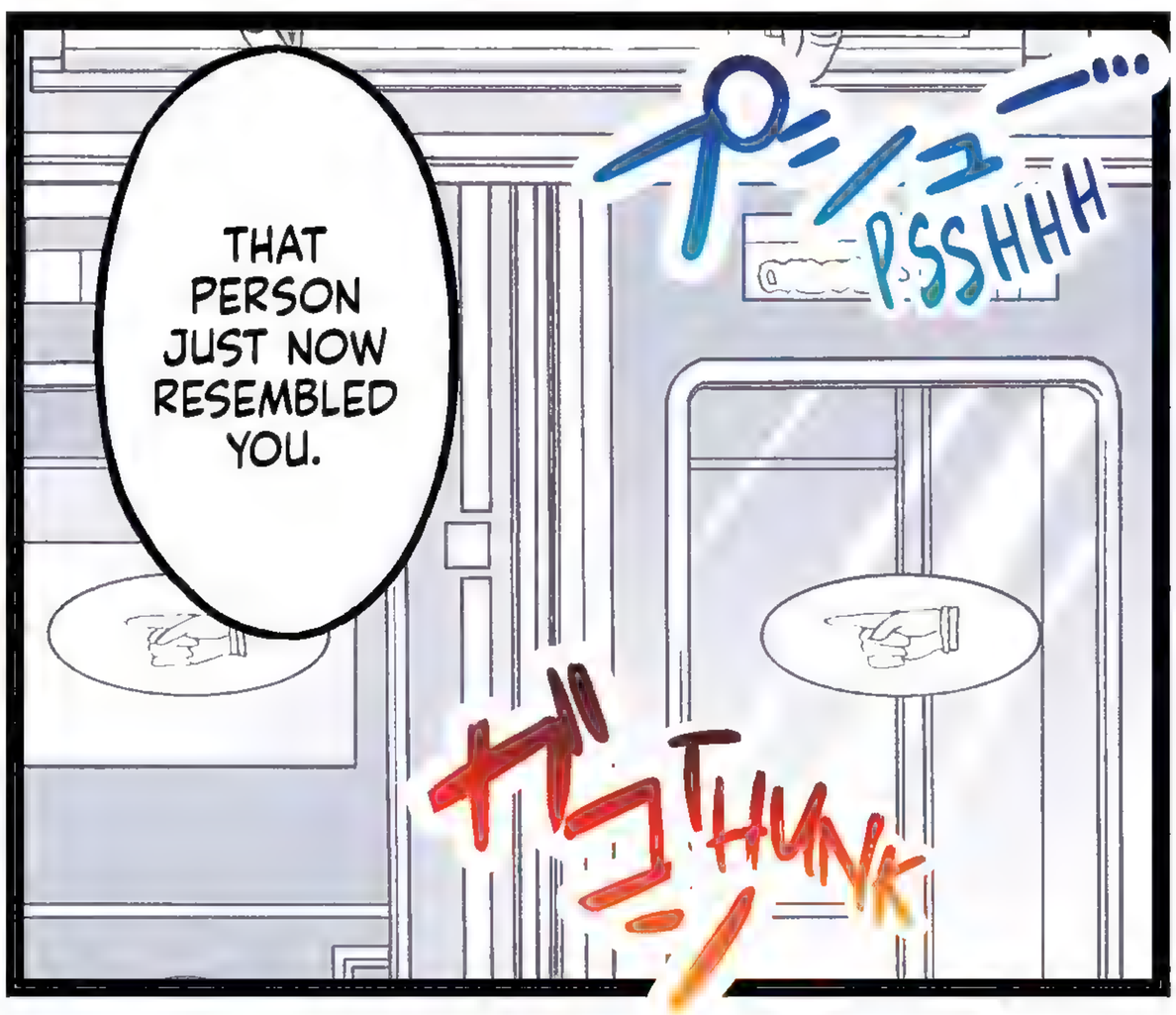

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE YOUNG BOY.

I SEE...

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR LOOKS.

SADLY, I KNOW I'M NOT THAT YOUNG ANYMORE.

OH, THAT'S SO FLATTERING OF YOU, DARLING.

SEE? HE RESEMBLED YOU.

ON TOP OF THAT, HE WAS ATTENTIVE AND CONSIDER-ATE OF OTHERS.

HE NOTICED THE SMALL DETAILS.

UGH...

SHE WAS EASILY FLUSTERED. IT REMINDED ME OF YOU IN THE PAST.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL TALK ABOUT THE GIRL.

ガターン THUNK

INDEED.

THAT MEANS THINGS WILL GO WELL FOR THEM.

WELL...

CLUNK

Meeting the Crown's Parents Edition

Tips for the Father of the Bride

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LEVEL 57 YOU SHOULD DO IT YOURSELF

HUH?

OH, KAORU.

YOUR CLOTHES GOT TORN.

I DON'T HAVE ANY SPARE GIRLS' CLOTHES, THOUGH.

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

OOPS.

SHE DODGED THE QUES-TION?!

IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE.

SEE?

WAIT, YOU KNOW HOW TO SEW, NANAMI?!

THAT'S UNEXPECTED.

DON'T WORRY, I HAVE A SEWING KIT.

FINE, I'LL DO IT.

WELL, SEWING IS AN EXCEPTION...

I'M SCARED OF NEEDLES.

GOSH.

AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD AT THINGS LIKE THIS?

THE LAST TIME I SEWED WAS WHEN I MADE AN APRON FOR HOME EC CLASS BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, SO YEAH.

HM?

OH.

OKAY.

BY THE WAY, DON'T EXPECT THE FINAL RESULT TO LOOK GOOD.

UH...

UH, FOR SOME REASON, THE THREAD KEEPS COMING OUT AS I SEW.

IS THIS NEEDLE BROKEN?

I SEE...

SEE?

THIS IS HOW YOU MAKE A KNOT.

TIGHTEN

I WAS JUST MAKING NEW HOLES ?!

IF YOU DON'T DO THAT, YOU'LL JUST END UP MAKING NEW HOLES INSTEAD.

HUH? WHY'S THAT?

THAT'S THE WRONG MENTALITY TO HAVE, NANAMI.

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Pop

YOU'RE WAY BETTER THAN ME AT THIS, AFTER ALL.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I SHOULD'VE JUST ASKED FOR YOUR HELP FROM THE BEGINNING.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT TAKES LONGER.

DOING IT YOURSELF IS MUCH BETTER.

TOUCH

IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE, NANAMI...

THEN YOU SHOULD DO IT YOURSELF.

UGH...

DON'T WORRY. I'LL TEACH YOU TO BECOME GOOD AT SEWING!

HE HE HE

NANAMI MANAGED TO FIX KAORU'S CLOTHES AFTER TWO HOURS OF WORK.

«NEXT

LEVEL 57.5 I DON'T MIND DOING IT FOR YOU AGAIN

I COMPLETELY FORGOT.

DID YOU REALLY SPEND TWO HOURS WITHOUT WEARING ANYTHING ELSE?

WHOA! THANKS, NANAMI!

HERE.

IT'S FIXED NOW.

IT MIGHT NOT LOOK VERY GOOD, SO...

BY THE WAY... I SEWED YOUR CLOTHES, NOT MOM.

NAH!

IT'S PERFECT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER, AFTER ALL.

I COULDN'T JUST SEND YOU OFF WITH YOUR CLOTHES TORN EITHER.

THANKS AGAIN, NANAMI!

I SEE.

GOOD TO HEAR.

ほっ WHEW

THEN I'M FINE WITH FIXING YOUR CLOTHES FOR YOU IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN.

WELL...

IF YOU DON'T MIND HOW IT LOOKS...

«NEXT

チチチ...
CHIRP

BECAUSE IT WAS SUNNY OUTSIDE FOR ONCE...

KAORU AND NANAMI WENT OUTSIDE FOR A JOG.

HMM...

HOW-EVER...

SCRATCH SCRATCH

LEVEL 58 CAN I TOUCH YOU REAL QUICK?

OF COURSE NOT!

HOW RUDE!

DID YOU FORGET TO TAKE A BATH?

...

I DUNNO. I JUST FEEL KIND OF ITCHY.

WHAT'S WRONG, NANAMI? YOU'VE BEEN SCRATCHING YOURSELF FOR A WHILE.

BZZZZZZZ

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LAND

BZZZZZZZ

AH.

RIGHT, IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR.

I WONDER IF I GOT BIT BY A MOSQUI-TO...

HUH?

WHAT?!

N-

NANAMI!

OF COURSE WHAT'S NOT! WRONG WITH YOU?

WELL...

CAN I TOUCH YOU REAL QUICK?

OH.

UM...

SHE'LL PROBABLY PANIC IF I TELL HER THERE'S A MOSQUITO ON HER NECK, SO...

I'M GONNA SUCC!!!

I'M GONNA SUCC!

STOP SAYING WEIRD THINGS, OKAY? LET'S GO.

HUH?!

UM, OKAY... OKAY! FINE!

YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!

NO, PLEASE, JUST LET ME TOUCH YOU REAL QUICK!

I ABSO-LUTELY NEED TO RIGHT NOW!

UM...

ERR...

WELL...

(SWISH)...

HERE.

GO AHEAD, I GUESS...?

NO...!

WHOOSH

SMACK ぺすっ

HUH?

I WANTED TO PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING BITTEN, SO...

THERE WAS A MOSQUI-TO ON YOUR NECK.

HUH?

A MOS...

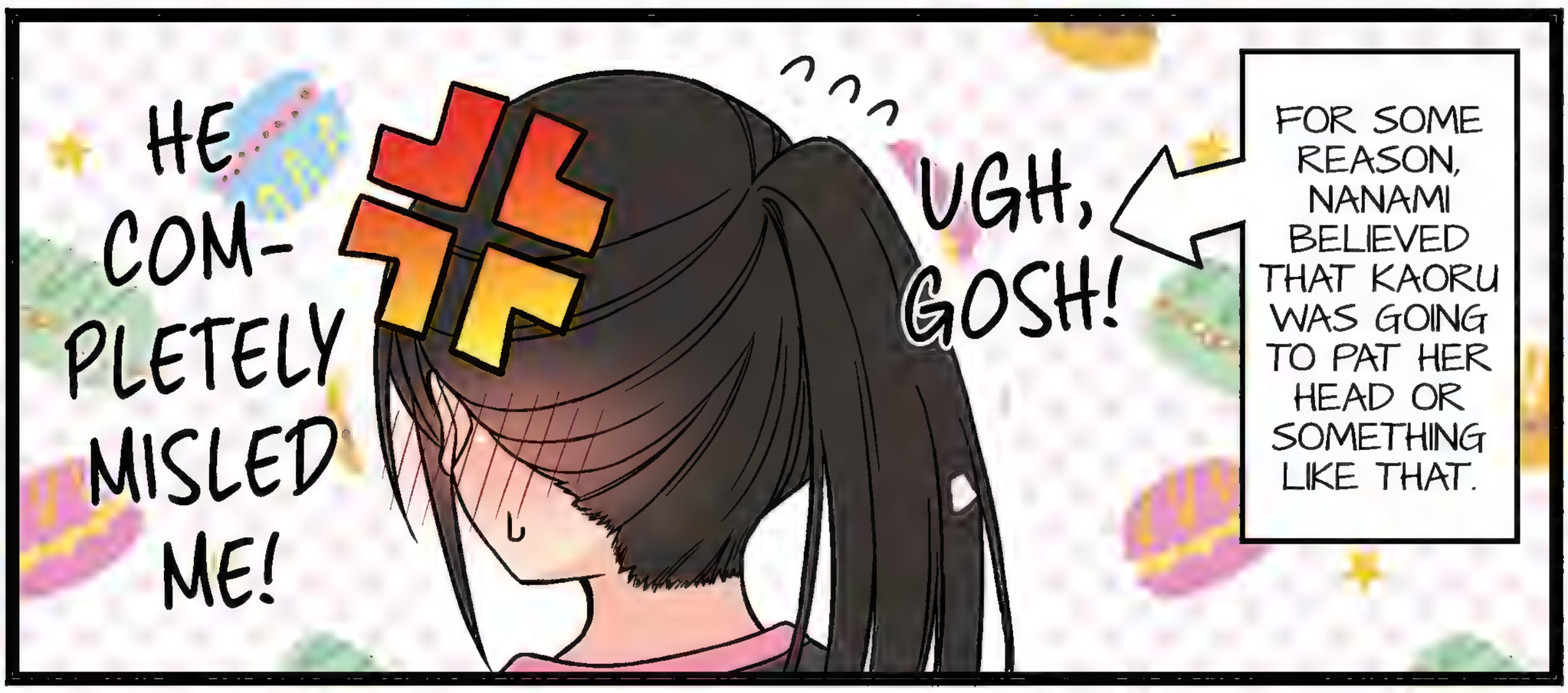
OH, UM...

I'M SORRY!

A MOS-QUITO?!

HUUU

BONUS


HE... COM-PLETELY MISLED ME!
UGH, GOSH!
FOR SOME REASON, NANAMI BELIEVED THAT KAORU WAS GOING TO PAT HER HEAD OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

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PANT

UGH...

WHY DO PEOPLE GET TIRED SO EASILY FROM JUST JOGGING?

PANT

THEY RESUMED THEIR JOGGING SESSION.

STAGGER

PANT.

PANT...

STAGGER

LEVEL 59 DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND

NANAMI?!

ACK!

STARTLED

WOBBLE

BUT I GUESS THEY WERE DOING THEIR BEST...

I'D GET IMPATIENT AT HOW SLOW PEOPLE WOULD RUN WHILE KITING* MOBS IN GAMES ONLINE...

SLIDE

*TERM FOR PULLING AGGRO FROM MOBS AND RUNNING AROUND TO BUY TIME FOR A PARTY OR RAID TO RECOVER.

WHEW.

GRAB
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ぐっ
PULL

OH, SORRY!

ぱっ
JUMP

ARE YOU OKAY? DID YOU SPRAIN YOUR ANKLE?

UH... I'M FINE.

...

ALL RIGHT. LET'S JOG DOWN THAT ROAD AND MAKE OUR WAY BACK TO THE PARK.

KAORU ...

ALSO...

YOU SEEM A BIT STRONGER NOW TOO.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

YOU'VE GOTTEN A BIT TALLER.

WOULDN'T EVERYTHING WORK OUT PERFECTLY IF YOU JUST DRESSED AS A GIRL...?

YOU MEAN IT?

THEY SAID YOU SHOULD FEEL FREE TO VISIT AGAIN.

MOM AND DAD WERE BOTH HAPPY TO HAVE YOU OVER.

AND YOU'RE PRETTY SLENDER TOO...

YOU'RE NOT THAT TALL EITHER ...

I'M SCARED OF WHEN I'LL ACTUALLY GET BUSTED ...

YOU CAN COME OVER AND HANG OUT AT MY PLACE NOW!

ALL RIGHT, THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO FOOL MY DAD!

KAORU...

HM?

SCRAPE

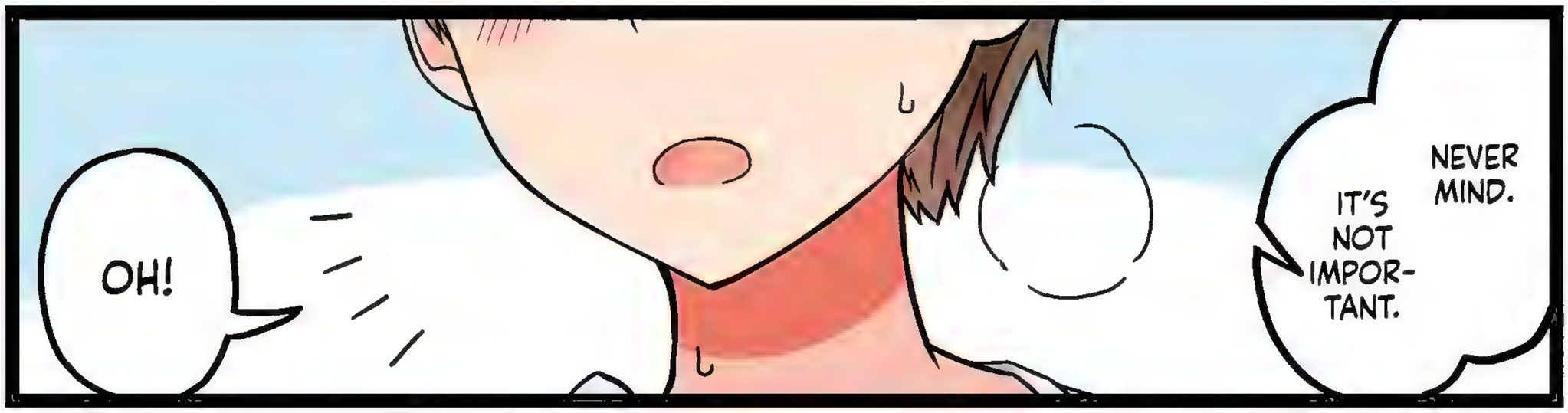
UGH.

I GUESS THAT MEANS I HAVE TO CONTINUE CROSS-DRESSING...

...

...

DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND...



OUR CURRENT RELATIONSHIP STARTED WITH KAORU CROSS-DRESSING.

OKAY!

EVEN IF THIS RELATIONSHIP CHANGES IN THE FUTURE...

OH, WHAT KIND OF FLOWER IS THAT?

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

I'M OKAY WITH THE STATUS QUO FOR NOW.

JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER...

«NEXT

LEVEL 60 WANNA TAKE A SHOWER FIRST?

UGH...

WHEW, WE JOGGED SUPER FAR.

GOOD JOB, NANAMI.

THEY RETURNED TO THE PARK.

I'M COMPLETELY COVERED IN SWEAT.

IT FEELS AWFUL.

HOW RUDE!

I MEAN, YEAH, I DIDN'T BRING ANY, BUT STILL!

HMM...

JUST CHANGE YOUR CLO- ACTUALLY, SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULDN'T PREPARE SPARE CLOTHES.

TAKE A SHOWER FIRST?

HUH?

UGH...

IN THAT CASE, WANNA TAKE A SHOWER FIRST?

I DON'T WANNA GET ON THE TRAIN LIKE THIS...

NANAMI, I'LL LEAVE A TOWEL HERE.

AT HIS PLACE?!

HUH?! A SHOWER?!

?!

BLUSH

SEE?

THE INTERNET CAFÉ THAT WE WENT TO BEFORE IS NEARBY.

YOU CAN TAKE A SHOWER THERE.

NAH, HOLD ON.

THAT'D BE A BIT AWKWARD, SO...

?!

DUMMY!

SHOWER ROOM
B

MUSIC PLAYING INSIDE OF THE BUILDING.

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DRIP チョーン

THERE WE GO.

YEP.

WHEW.

RUSTLE

YEAH, THESE FIT.

THEY FEEL A BIT LOOSE, THOUGH.

KAORU'S CROSS-DRESSING.

HE REALLY IS ATTENTIVE AND CONSIDERATE WITH THINGS LIKE THIS.

HOWEVER, HE'S A BIT RUDE SOMETIMES.

WER ROOM
B

1P

K-CHK

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO WEAR THE SAME OUTFIT AFTER SHOWERING, RIGHT?

I'LL GO GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES SINCE MY PLACE IS CLOSE BY.

ERR...
UM...
WELL...
HUH?
HUH?!
NA-
OH.
I SHOULD THANK HIM LATER.
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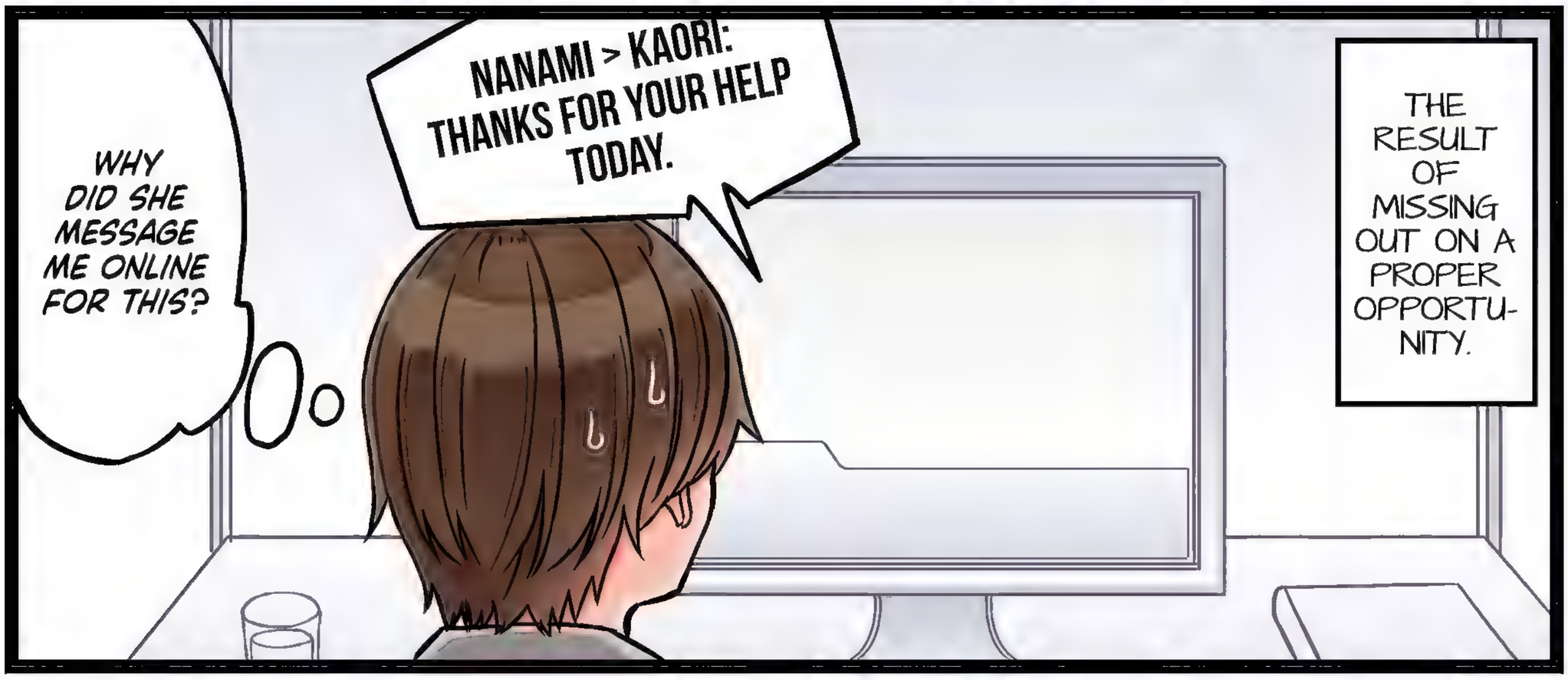
KA-CHAK
!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT THAT?
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT YOUR CLOTHES ARE WAY BIGGER THAN MINE!
I WAS ACTUALLY GONNA THANK YOU, BUT...
YOU SEE...
SO FOR A SECOND, I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T WEARING ANY PANTS UNDER IT...
THE HOODIE YOU'RE WEARING IS A BIT LONG.
CLENCH
BWEEEH!
UGH!
NOW'S NOT THE RIGHT TIME!
FOR-GET ABOUT IT!
HUH?
THANKS?

«NEXT


WHY DID SHE MESSAGE ME ONLINE FOR THIS?
NANAMI > KAORI: THANKS FOR YOUR HELP TODAY.
THE RESULT OF MISSING OUT ON A PROPER OPPORTU-NITY.

LEVEL 60.5 I GOT CHILLS FOR SOME REASON

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INTERNET, GAMES, AND MANGA

SHOUNEN MANGA

DRINKS

SHIMA-MURA-SAN!

CAN I RETURN THESE BOOKS TO THE SHELVES?

YEAH, GO AHEAD.

OKAY!

SURE.

WANNA GAME A BIT SINCE WE'RE HERE?

OH!

KAO-

?!

PASS

RYUU-KUN.

YOU DROPPED THE BOOKS.

HUH?

I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD A GIRL-FRIEND.

WHOA.

FLOMP FLOMP FLOMP!

GLORIFIED PAST MEMORIES.

HERE, YOU DROPPED YOUR WALLET! ♪

WAIT, ISN'T SHE THE ONE WHO WAS WITH THE BROWN-HAIRED GIRL?

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

DOES THAT MEAN KAORU KNOWS WHO SHE IS?

ER...

I GOT CHILLS FOR SOME REASON...

WHAT'S WRONG?

?!

JOLT

I GUESS I'LL ASK HIM ABOUT IT ANOTHER TIME!

«NEXT

LEVEL 61 DO YOU HAVE A BIG SIS?

?!

キクッ JOLT

YOU WENT TO AN INTERNET CAFE WITH YOUR GIRL-FRIEND THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?

I WAS REALLY SURPRISED!

OH, KAORU!

'SUP?

HUH?

HOW...

(

I SAW YOU THERE ON MY SHIFT!

YOU KNOW, THE GIRL WITH BLACK HAIR?

?

GULP

OH WELL. MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, HEAR ME OUT.

HUH? REALLY?

O-OH, UM...

NANAMI'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND...

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FRET

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COUGH COUGH ゲホゲホ

Y-YOUR FIRST LOVE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HUH? DIDN'T I TELL YOU ABOUT THIS BEFORE?

NANAMI-CHAN'S YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

PRETTY SURE SHE'S FRIENDS WITH MY FIRST LOVE!

I SAW THEM TOGETHER AT THE SUPER-MARKET.

ぺっ SPIT

SHE KINDA RESEMBLES YOU. HMM.

AS FOR HER LOOKS...

OH, YOU'RE ABOUT THE SAME HEIGHT.

SHE'S ABOUT THIS TALL, AND-

OH, SO DO YOU.

SHE HAS BROWN HAIR, AND-

ギクッ JOLT

ギクッ JOLT

ギクッ JOLT

だら SWEAT

だら SWEAT

...

...

JUST TO MAKE SURE...

DO YOU HAVE A BIG SIS?

OH...

ERR...

HEY, KAORU. I MIGHT BE WRONG ABOUT THIS, BUT...

I...

...

UM...

HUH, I SEE.

OKAY, I GET WHAT HAPPENED, BUT...

I DO!

HE DOESN'T.

WELL, YOU SEE...

HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TO THANK MY "BIG SIS" IN PERSON...

AND I COULDN'T SAY NO TO HIM.

UGH. RIGHT, YOU'RE WEAK AGAINST PUSHY PEOPLE.

OH WELL. ALL RIGHT, THEN.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?

I MEAN, IT WAS THE ONLY ANSWER THAT WOULD HIDE THE FACT THAT I CROSS-DRESS.

YOU KNOW YOU JUST MADE IT WORSE, RIGHT?

I SEE.

HM?

HE ALSO SAID HE FELT AWKWARD MEETING MY "BIG SIS" ALONE, SO...

SERIOUSLY?

ARE YOU GONNA SPLIT INTO TWO OR SOMETHING?

HE ASKED IF WE COULD HANG OUT, JUST US FOUR, YOU INCLUDED, NANAMI.

«NEXT

LEVEL 62 I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF

A DAY AFTER I PROMISED RYUUJI THAT I'D HANG OUT WITH HIM...

IT'S TIME TO GO SHOPPING.

YOU NEED TO COME TOO.

I TAGGED ALONG BECAUSE NANAMI TOLD ME TO.

HOW-EVER...

WHY...

UM, NANA-MI...

WHY DID YOU MAKE ME WEAR THIS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!

ALSO, WHY ARE YOU TAKING PICTURES?!

SORRY, I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.

パシャ FLASH

パシャ FLASH

IN THAT CASE...

THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE YOU'LL GET BUSTED IF YOU STAY AROUND SOMEONE LIKE THAT FOR LONG.

WELL, YEAH.

I SEE HIM EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL.

HE KNOWS YOUR USUAL SELF, RIGHT?

WHAT'S HIS NAME AGAIN? OH, RIGHT, RYUUJI-KUN.

TELL ME, WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT YOU'RE IN THIS SITUATION?

IS THIS REALLY MY ONLY OPTION?

YOUR ONLY OPTION IS TO DRESS AS CUTE AS YOU CAN SO THERE'S NO ROOM FOR HIM TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF YOU.

UM, IT'S MY OWN FAULT...

UM...

ALSO...

...

fitting room

UGH...

SO YEAH, YOU NEED TO TRY ON ALL SORTS OF CLOTHES.

WHAT MADE YOU THINK I'M OKAY AROUND GUYS NOW?

I'M GONNA CLOSE THE CURTAINS.

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SLIDE

REALLY?

OH, YOU STILL CAN'T STAND GUYS, NANAMI?

I'M NOT CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO CHAT WITH BOYS...

DON'T COUNT ON ME WHEN THE TIME COMES, OKAY?

ONLY WITH YOU, YEAH.

THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO OTHER BOYS.

I MEAN, YOU TALK WITH ME JUST FINE, RIGHT?

WH-WHY? WELL...

UM...

IN THAT CASE, WHY DID YOU AGREE TO HANG OUT WITH US?

I DON'T REALLY GET IT.

シャッ
SLIDE

IT'S ALSO MY FIRST TIME MEETING THIS GUY.

THE VERY THOUGHT OF IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE PUKING ...

UGH

I WANTED TO BE OF HELP TO YOU...

SO YEAH.

YOU SEE...

I...

...

...

THE ONLY THING YOU SHOULD BE CHECKING IS YOUR WORK, NAO-CHAN.

THERE'S A LOT TO DO TODAY.

HEY, CHECK THIS OUT, MASHIRO!

THAT'S PEAK TEENAGE ANGST RIGHT THERE!

I-I'M SORRY?!

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO MAKE ME SPELL IT OUT?!

«NEXT

LEVEL 63 I'M SCREWED!

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UM... YOU'RE RYUUJI-SAN, RIGHT?

A LOT HAD HAPPENED IN THE DAYS LEADING TO THIS, BUT...

ERR... HELLO!

IT'S TIME TO SEE HOW THIS GOES.

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'SUP!

UGH, HE'S SO LOUD...

OH. WELL...

WAIT, UM, WHERE'S KAORU? HE SAID HE WOULD BE COMING TOO...

UM...

I-

YEAH.

HE GOT A SLIGHT FEVER, SO...

WHOOPS.

SERI-OUSLY?!

HUH?

HE CAUGHT A COLD?!

OKAY, THIS SHOULD SOLVE THE FIRST PROBLEM.

HE SEEMED JUST FINE ON FRIDAY...

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DEVASTATED

I'M SORRY.

AFTER A WHILE, "KAORI" CAN TELL HIM THAT "SHE" ISN'T INTERESTED IN HIM, AND...

ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS TO HANG OUT FOR A BIT.

HM?

WAIT, HOLD ON.

THAT MEANS KAORU'S HOME SLEEPING AT THE MOMENT, RIGHT?

NOTEBOOK WITH PLANS SHE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT PREPARING.

DON'T DO IT!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM.

LET ME CALL HIM REAL QUICK!

U-UM, YEAH...

I JUST WOKE UP.

YOU SURE PICKED UP FAST!

WERE YOU ALREADY AWAKE?

TAP

Kaoru

OH.

KAORU?

HELLO?

RING RING

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WHISPER

ひそ

WHISPER

HIDING BEHIND NANAMI.

HE'S A REALLY NICE PERSON!

LET'S HANG OUT TOGETHER ANOTHER TIME!

DON'T WORRY! WE'RE NOT GONNA DITCH YOU AND JUST HAVE FUN BY OUR-SELVES!

MM, SHE TOLD ME THAT YOU CAUGHT A COLD, RIGHT?

SO YEAH, I THINK MY SIS ALREADY TOLD YOU, BUT...

HM?

ARE YOU SURE?

I KINDA FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS...

UM...

NO WORRIES. GO AHEAD AND HAVE FUN WITH-OUT ME.

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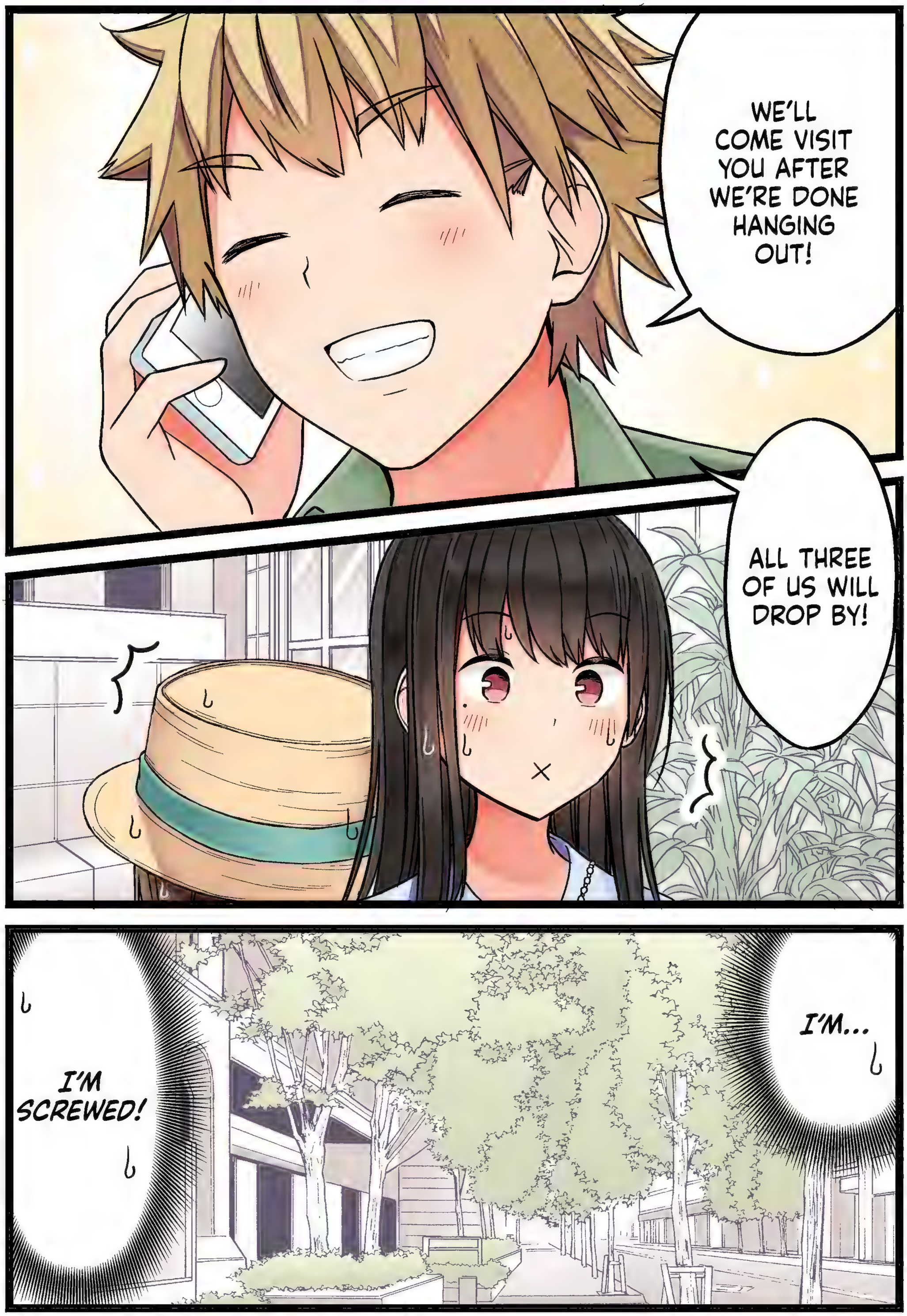
HMMM... ALL RIGHT, I HAVE AN IDEA!


WE'LL COME VISIT YOU AFTER WE'RE DONE HANGING OUT!
ALL THREE OF US WILL DROP BY!
I'M SCREWED!
I'M...

«NEXT

Sometimes
Even Reality
Is a Lie!
PRESENTED BY NIICHI

LEVEL 64 I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH HER

THE THREE OF THEM WENT TO A CAFÉ TOGETH-ER.

OH!

SO YOUR NAME IS KAORI-SAN!

"KAORI" AND "KAORU," HUH?

THOSE ARE INTERESTING NAMES FOR SIBLINGS!

YEAH...

THEY REALLY ARE!

THERE'S NOTHING INTERESTING ABOUT THOSE NAMES.

IT'S EASY TO CONFUSE THEM WITH EACH OTHER.

HUH?

NANAMI?

WELL, IT SEEMS HE'S NOT SUSPICIOUS OF KAORU'S CROSS-DRESSING SO FAR.

I HOPE THINGS STAY THIS WAY...

RUMBLE

FANCY MEETIN' YOU HERE.

I HEARD THAT YOU WERE HANGIN' OUT WITH YOUR FRIEND TODAY, BUT...

RUMBLE

DA...

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

GLARE

HE HAS A SWEET TOOTH?!

THIS CAFÉ'S SWISS ROLLS GO QUITE WELL WITH DARK ROAST COFFEE.

WELL...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

DAD-DY?!

I'M HERE TO CHAT WITH KAORI-SAN INSTEAD OF NANAMI-SAN...

OH, WELL...

THERE'S NO WAY FOR HIM TO AVOID GETTING *ELIMINAT-ED...

*SOMETIMES USED IN FPS GAMES TO REFER TO WHEN A PLAYER GETS KILLED FOR GOOD IN A DOWNED STATE AND CAN'T REZ ANYMORE!

ARE YOU IMPLYING YOU'RE NOT INTEREST-ED IN MY DAUGHTER AT ALL?

WHAT'S YOUR RELATION-SHIP WITH NANAMI?

WHO ARE YOU?

HUH?

RUMBLE...

YIKES.

I-I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED NANAMI TO HANG OUT WITH ME TODAY.

I KNOW SHE CAN'T STAND GUYS, SO I'M VERY SORRY ABOUT THIS.

HM?

U-UM...

KAORI-SAN?

(FOR TODAY) WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO LEAVE NANAMI-SAN IN MY HANDS?

(I DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE WITH RYUUJI!)

H-HOWEVER, I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH HER NO MATTER WHAT!

HMM...

...?

?

FINE. (FOR TODAY) I'LL LEAVE HER TO YOU.

U-UM...

TH-THANK YOU!

?

«NEXT

COMPLETELY CONFUSED BY THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HER DAD AND KAORU.

LEVEL 65 I REALLY LIKE YOU

WHEW!

THAT WAS A GOOD MOVIE!

GIGA FLOUNDER

Movie version

VS

DEATH FLOUNDER

Even Americans have trouble telling these two fish apart!

I'M SO EXHAUSTED!

KARAOKE

I'M SERIOUS!

I CAN'T!

UGH...

MOVIE THEATER

TOO LOUD!

RIGHT? I REALLY WANTED TO SEE IT!

Y-YEAH.

THAT WAS FUN.

...

DEPICTION OF AN INDOOR PERSON WHO ISN'T USED TO SPENDING TIME OUT-DOORS.

HMM.

IS THIS THE KIND OF THING KAORU ENJOYS MORE?

SO THIS IS HOW NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE FUN WHEN THEY HANG OUT, HUH?

THE BATH-ROOM!

DON'T FOLLOW ME!

HM?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, NANAMI?

UGH, WHY DO I FEEL DOWN ABOUT THIS?!

GLOOM

...

WHY DID SHE SOUND A BIT ANGRY?

THANK YOU FOR HANGING OUT WITH ME TODAY!

KAORI-SAN...

...

...

UM...

DON'T WORRY. I HAD A GOOD TIME.

OH.

KAORI-SAN...

UGH... IT FEELS SO AWKWARD TO BE ALONE WITH HIM!

COME BACK ALREADY, NANAMI!

DUH, OF COURSE.

WE SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL.

IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE, BUT I GET A WEIRD SENSE OF NOSTALGIA AROUND YOU.

FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL LIKE WE'VE ALREADY MET BEFORE.

WHEN I FIRST MET YOU AT THE SUPERMARKET, YOU SEEMED LIKE A NICE PERSON, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT STOOD OUT.

I HAD A LOT OF FUN TODAY WITH YOU...

AND I WANT TO DO THIS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

HUH?

WAIT, HOLD ON...

NO WAY, RIGHT?

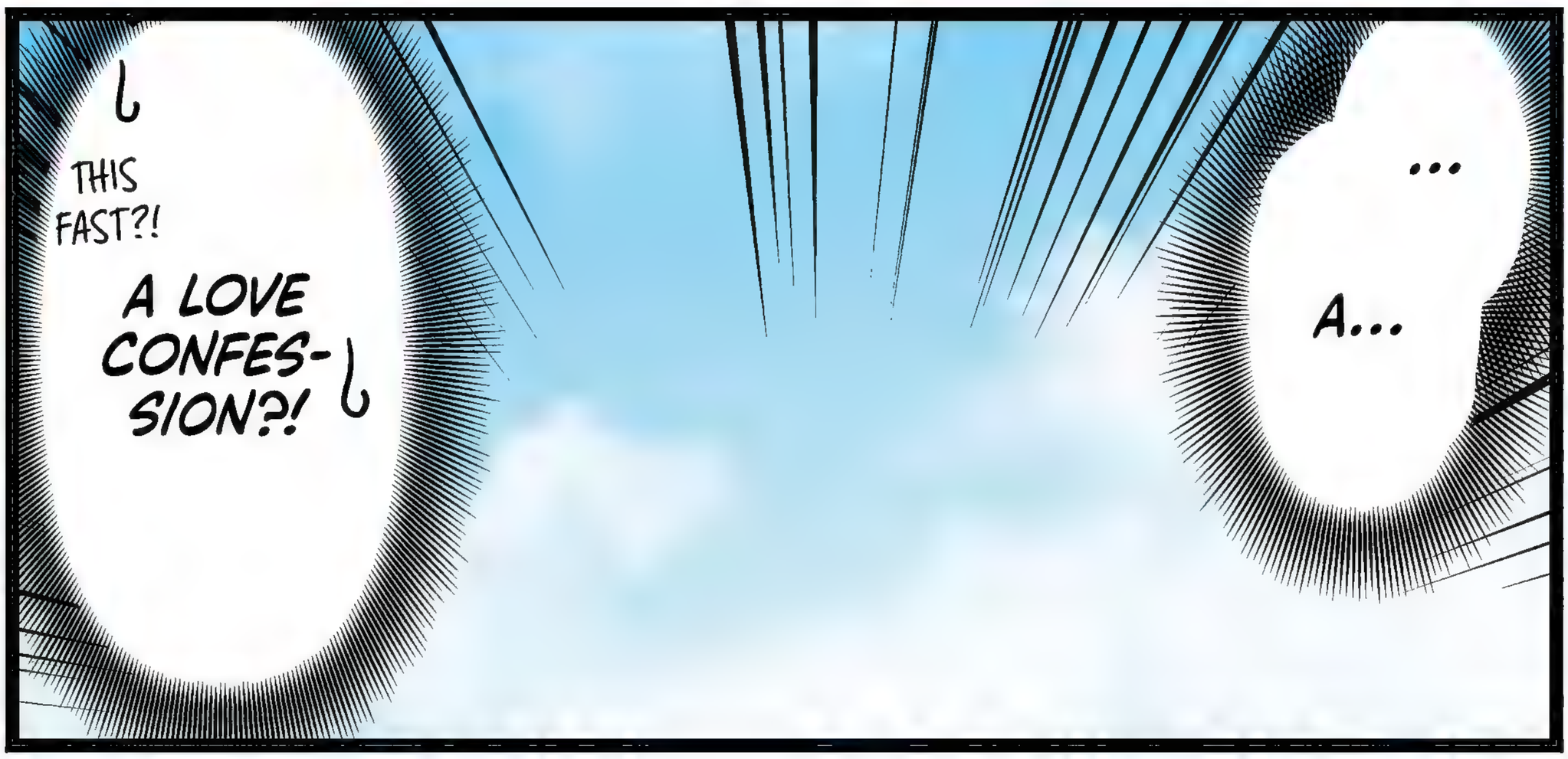
IS THIS A-

I REALLY LIKE YOU, KAORI-SAN.

I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

IF YOU WANT...

CAN WE CONTINUE MEETING UP WITH EACH OTHER?



«NEXT

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PRESENTED BY NIICHI

LEVEL 66 I CAN TRULY BE MYSELF

I REALLY LIKE YOU, KAORI-SAN. I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

WH-

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

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PANIC

ACTUALLY, TO BEGIN WITH, I'M NOT A GIRL.

BESIDES, RYUUJI IS JUST A FRIEND OF MINE...

H-HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THESE DAYS...

NO WAY, RIGHT?!

HUH? IS IT NORMAL FOR PEOPLE TO CONFESS THEIR FEELINGS AFTER HANGING OUT WITH SOMEONE JUST ONCE?!

SOMEHOW FORGETTING THE FACT THAT HE'S A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HIMSELF.

GULP

THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT.

I NEED TO ANSWER HIM HONESTLY.

NO, THAT'S NOT RELEVANT RIGHT NOW.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HOW I SHOULD RESPOND TO HIM.

I...

I HAVE A CERTAIN FRIEND.

AND SHE GETS ANGRY EASILY.

SHE'S NOT GOOD WITH PEOPLE.

SHE USUALLY STAYS INDOORS AT HOME MOST OF THE TIME.

GRIP

GRIP

FLOW

BUT I'M SATISFIED AND HAPPY WITH JUST SPENDING TIME WITH HER.

I HAVEN'T GONE OUT FOR KARAOKE WITH HER BEFORE LIKE WE DID TODAY...

NOR HAVE WE GONE TO SEE A MOVIE TOGETHER...

THERE'S ONE THING I DO UNDERSTAND.

I CAN TRULY BE MYSELF AROUND HER.

I'M ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THIS.

AS FAR AS LIKE OR LOVE...

I STILL DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE FEELINGS ARE YET, BUT...

WELL...

THAT SAID...

I'M SORRY.

«NEXT

LEVEL 67 I DON'T MIND LETTING YOU OFF THE HOOK

THAT SAID, I'M SORRY.

I CAN'T RECIPROCATE YOUR FEELINGS, RYUUJI-SAN.

...

GULP...

OKAY!

SMILE

IT'S FINE.

H-HUH? I JUST TURNED YOU DOWN...

I'M GLAD I GOT THAT OFF MY CHEST!

STRETCH

UM...?

HUH?

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT I EXPRESSED MY FEELINGS AND GOT AN ANSWER.

OH, YOU'RE BACK, NANAMI!

UM, WHAT WAS IT AGAIN ABOUT YOUR FRIEND?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HOPE THINGS GO WELL FOR YOU!

I'LL STAB HER

3Hit!!

I'LL STAB HER

SHE GETS ANGRY EASILY...

AND SHE STAYS INDOORS AT HOME, RIGHT?

SHE'S NOT GOOD WITH PEOPLE...

OH.

?

WAIT, NANAMI, I CAN EXPLAIN!

OH, UM...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

HUH?

IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT-

?

UM...

...

HMM.

IS THIS THE KIND OF THING KAORU ENJOYS MORE?

I CAN TRULY BE MYSELF AROUND HER.

I'M ABSO-LUTELY SURE ABOUT THIS.

I...

DON'T MIND LETTING YOU OFF THE HOOK FOR TODAY.

WELL, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

OVER-WHELMED WITH JOY AFTER SHE REMEMBERED WHAT KAORU SAID EARLIER.

...

GRIN

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, I GUESS?

I'M KINDA CONFUSED, THOUGH.

NANAMI? WHY ARE YOU GRIN-NING?

I'M NOT!

DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY!

OH.

ALL RIGHT, WE SHOULD GET GOING.

IT'S TIME TO PAY KAORU A VISIT!

«NEXT

LEVEL 68 IS THIS THE TYPE OF GIRL HE LIKES?

KAORU'S PLACE (AN APART-MENT)

HMM...

I CAME BACK FIRST SINCE NANAMI TOLD ME TO GO AHEAD, BUT...

WE'LL GO BUY SOME COLD MEDICINE, SO...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ACTUALLY VISIT "MYSELF" WITH RYUUJI WHILE KEEPING EVERYTHING A SECRET.

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KAORU-SAN?

I CAN'T JUST REVEAL THAT I'M ACTUALLY KAORU...

コン TAP

コン TAP

KNOCK KNOCK

コン コン

HM?

...

HUH?

KA-CHAK

NO ONE'S ANSWERING THE DOOR, SO...

KAORI-SAN SHOULD BE AT HOME, RIGHT?

...

THIS IS KAORU'S PLACE, RIGHT?

SHH.

FLAP ひらっ

ZZZ...

ZZZ...

CAW
カアー
CAW
カアー
Please be quiet. Kaoru's asleep right now. I have some things to attend to, so let's call it for today.
HOW DID HE NOT NOTICE? IS HE BLIND?
MY HEIGHT AND PHYSIQUE ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM KAORU-KUN, BUT...
THE CLOTHES WERE TOO BIG FOR ME AS WELL...
RING RING
Nanami-chan
I'll wait in front of Kaoru's place, right?
Read 13:20
16:57
ank you very uch.
16:5
Are things okay
Read 17:03
Yeah, all thanks to your help.
LOOKS LIKE IT WORKED OUT.

PLEASE SAVE ME.

?!

NANAMI SENT A MESSAGE AT THAT MOMENT.

I WAS REALLY SURPRISED WHEN NANAMI-CHAN SUDDENLY CONTACTED ME.

...

...

WELL, I GOT A CHANCE TO WEAR SOME CUTE CLOTHES WHILE HELPING THEM OUT...

SO ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, I GUESS.

SELFIE

?

HMM.

IS THIS THE TYPE OF GIRL HE LIKES?

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SNEEZE

«NEXT

LEVEL 69

DIDN'T YOU LEARN THIS IN SCHOOL?!

HM?

HEY, NANAMI.

UM... I WASN'T SURE IF I SHOULD SAY THIS...

WUT?

YOU'VE BEEN GAMING MORE THAN USUAL RECENTLY.

OR MORE LIKE, YOU'VE SPENT MOST OF TODAY ON YOUR BED.

SIGH

#1 JOLT

BUT ISN'T YOUR ROOM KINDA MESSY?

こちゃ CLUTTERED

IS THAT SOME KIND OF TECHNIQUE FROM A SPORTS MANGA WITH SUPERPOW-ERS...?

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP BACK THEN.

SO I USED UP MY ENTIRE STASH FOR THAT INCIDENT WITH YOUR FRIEND THE OTHER DAY.

WELL, SEE, THERE'S AN AMMO LIMIT TO THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY BULLETS I HAVE FOR WANTING TO ACTIVELY DO SOMETHING...

OF COURSE!

UM, KAORU... DO WE REALLY HAVE TO CLEAN MY ROOM?

I'M SURE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER IT'S DONE!

UGH...

LET'S START BY PICKING UP THE TRASH ON THE FLOOR.

AFTER THAT, LET'S ORGANIZE YOUR DESK. THEN...

BRISK

...

IS IT JUST ME, OR IS HE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS?

IT'S MY ROOM, NOT HIS, AND YET...

LIKES THINGS TO BE TIDY AND CLEAN.

NEXT UP IS THIS CLOSET...

RELAXED

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PLOMP!

HMM, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO LEAVE IT ALL TO KAORU?

RUSTLE

?

KAORU, DON'T OPE-

OH, WAIT!

YOU...

FLASH

UGH, IT ALL FITS INSIDE JUST FINE, BUT NOW...

MORE LIKE YOU FORCEFULLY SHOVED EVERYTHING INSIDE...

DOES A GIRL'S CLOSET ALWAYS SHOOT OUT AN AVA-LANCHE?

YES! REMEMBER THIS!

YOU SHOULD NEVER OPEN A GIRL'S CLOSET WITHOUT PERMISSION! DIDN'T YOU LEARN THIS IN SCHOOL?!

YOU IDIOT! ABSO-LUTE IDIOT!

DIZZY

GEOGRAPHY

数学 I
Mathematics I

WHAT'S THIS?

A UNIFORM...

AND TEXT-BOOKS?

«NEXT

LEVEL 70 I WISH I'D GONE TO THE SAME ONE AS YOU

WHOA!

SO MUCH DUST...

PYA!

PLOP

WHAT'S THIS?

A UNI-FORM...

AND TEXT-BOOKS?

THE WAY SHE SNEEZES SOUNDS KINDA CUTE.

OH.

OKAY.

SNEEZE

L-LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

HURRY.

SNEEZE

HUH?

...

YOUR STICKY NOTES ARE AHEAD OF WHAT I'M LEARNING AT SCHOOL RIGHT NOW.

I MEAN, YEAH. I ONLY QUIT GOING TO SCHOOL LAST AUTUMN.

HM?

JUST TURNED SIXTEEN RECENTLY.

I HAD A FEELING YOU WERE YOUNGER.

YOUR SURPRISE IRRITATES ME FOR SOME REASON.

ALMOST SEVENTEEN.

WAIT, HOLD ON...

YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME?!

UM, KAORU...

DO YOU ENJOY GOING TO SCHOOL?

...

WELL...

IT DOESN'T MATTER SINCE WE'RE BOTH TECHNICALLY FRESHMEN NOW.

I'D HAVE TO REPEAT A YEAR SINCE I MISSED TOO MANY DAYS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I WAS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE.

MM, YOU DEFINITELY GET ALONG WELL WITH OTHERS.

YEAH. I GET TO SPEND TIME WITH RYUUJI AND MY OTHER CLASS-MATES.

EVERY DAY IS FUN.

I WAS AT A COMPLETE LOSS.

IN THE END, I COULDN'T TELL WHAT I ACTUALLY LIKED ABOUT THOSE DAYS.

I TRIED TO CONSIDER THEM MY FRIENDS...

BUT I BECAME MORE AND MORE SCARED ABOUT HOW DIFFERENT I FELT FROM THEM.

I WOULD HEAD OUT WITH MY CLASSMATES AFTER SCHOOL...

AND WE'D DROP BY A BURGER PLACE FOR FAST FOOD.

IF I HAD TO GO TO SCHOOL...

THEN I WISH I'D GONE TO THE SAME ONE AS YOU, KAORU.

I MEAN IT.

ALAS...

MATH I EXERCISE BOOK

MATH A EXERCISE BOOK

ENGLISH-JAPANESE DICTIONARY

JAPANESE ENGLISH DICTIONARY

RATTLE

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE SCHOOL, BUT...

...

IN THAT CASE...

LET'S GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER.

ATTEND MY SCHOOL, NANAMI.

HUH?

«NEXT

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PEEK

UM, MOMMY...

LEVEL 71

LIFE IS LIKE A CUP OF TEA

RATTLE

Transferring to a prefectural public or private high school

CAN WE TALK FOR A BIT?

BUT I HAVE TO PASS A TRANSFER EXAM, AND NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE APPLYING FOR THIS EITHER, SO...

I HAVE ENOUGH CREDITS FROM THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR WHEN I STILL WENT TO SCHOOL, SO I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRANSFER AT THIS TIME OF YEAR...

IT'S USUALLY RESERVED FOR STUDENTS MOVING TO A NEW PREFECTURE OR STUDENTS RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS, BUT THERE'S AN EXCEPTION...

I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS UNTIL NOW, BUT IT SEEMS THERE'S A TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

BLAH

UM...

SORRY...

CAN YOU REPEAT IT SLOW-LY?

I COULDN'T REALLY KEEP UP WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

PAUSE FOR A SECOND, NANAMI.

CALM DOWN.

EVEN IF I DO PASS, I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN FIT IN WITH MY NEW CLASS, SO IT MIGHT BE DIFFI-

BUT THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE UNEASY I FEEL, SO...

I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN SHE ASKED...

KAORI ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS HER.

WELL, YOU SEE...

LIFE IS LIKE A CUP OF TEA.

IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU MAKE IT.

NANAMI.

THERE'S A CERTAIN QUOTE I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU.

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コトリ LIFT

WITH THAT IN MIND...

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU RIGHT NOW, NANAMI?

WHAT I MEAN BY THIS IS THAT LIFE DOESN'T ALWAYS GO THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO...

REGARD-LESS OF WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU'VE LED.

DUE TO THIS, YOU SHOULD DECIDE FOR YOURSELF ON ONE THING THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY WANT TO DO.

AFTER THAT, THINK ABOUT WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.

UM...

I...

I WANT...

...

I WANT TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS KAORU.

TOGETHER, THAT IS.

MM.

EEP!

IN THAT CASE, THE TRANSFER EXAM IS TOMORROW, SO YOU'LL NEED TO STUDY FOR IT.

I'LL TELL YOUR DAD ABOUT THIS FOR YOU.

ALSO, YOU NEED TO FIX YOUR HABIT OF STAYING UP LATE, SO I'M GOING TO FORCE YOU AWAKE IN THE MORNING, OKAY?

IN THE END, NANAMI MANAGED TO PASS THE EXAM, BUT SHE HAD TO PAY A PRICE FOR IT.

«NEXT

LEVEL 72 THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BUSY FROM NOW ON

NAH.

IT'S KINDA EMBAR-RASSING...

I MANAGED TO TAKE A NICE PHOTO.

WANT TO TAKE A LOOK?

DID WE REALLY HAVE TO TAKE A PHOTO? I'M GONNA WEAR THIS EVERY DAY ONCE THE NEW SEMESTER STARTS.

UGH...

HEE HEE.

IT'S SO THAT WE CAN LOOK BACK AT THIS IN THE FUTURE.

FLASH

MM.

OKAY, I'M DONE.

ALL RIGHT, IT'S TIME TO WASH THAT UNIFORM.

THE CARDIGAN CAN WAIT UNTIL AUTUMN.

HUH? ALREADY? I'VE ONLY BEEN WEARING THIS FOR A BIT.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

JUST TAKE IT OFF.

SLO-MO VIDEO PHOTO SQUARE

HUM ♪

HUM ♪

...

IS IT JUST ME, OR ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT THIS FOR SOME REASON, MOMMY?

OF COURSE I AM!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO SCHOOL AGAIN!

UGH...

I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T REALLY MIND.

YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING WHEN I STOPPED GOING...

SO I ASSUMED IT WAS OKAY.

WELL, I DON'T THINK SCHOOL IS EVERY-THING IN LIFE.

HOW-EVER...

I JUST HOPED YOU WOULD DISCOVER MORE PLACES YOU'RE COMFORTABLE BEING IN.

THAT'S ALL.

YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AND LEAVE THE LAUNDRY TO ME.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN DINNER IS READY.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT. LET'S SEE...

FLAP ぽた ぽ FLAP た…

HMM.

IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN TAKE CARE OF THESE AT HOME.

THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.

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Cotton 60%
Polyester 40%

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Please turn inside out before placing this within a laundry bag.

THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BUSY FROM NOW ON.

I'LL HAVE TO DO LAUNDRY MORE OFTEN...

AND I'LL ALSO HAVE TO START MAKING LUNCH BOXES.

I NEED TO DO MY BEST, SO...

...

DRIP

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CLENCH

«NEXT

LEVEL 73 PUMPKINS DON'T TALK AND AREN'T NOISY

PLEASE ENTER THE CLASSROOM AFTER I CALL FOR YOU.

NOW, THEN.

I'LL INTRODUCE YOU AS A TRANSFER STUDENT WHEN IT'S TIME.

キーン コーン DING

カーン DONG

UGH, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.

BE QUIET, PLEASE!

CLOSE

99% OF UNSOCIABLE PEOPLE CONSIDER SELF-INTRODUCTION EVENTS PAINFUL.

THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH.

IT'S TORTURE FOR SOMEONE UNSOCIA-BLE.

UM...

OKAY.

ŌSAKA-SAN!

DEEP BREATH

THINK OF PEOPLE AS PUMPKINS.

THINK OF PEOPLE AS PUMP-KINS...

I NEED TO SOMEHOW SURVIVE THIS.

SHE'S CUTE!

OH, A GIRL!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER...

!

PEOPLE ARE NOTH-ING LIKE PUMPKINS.

PUMPKINS DON'T TALK AND AREN'T NOISY, RIGHT...?

HOLD ON.

UGH.

I'M SCARED...

I CAN'T SPEAK CLEARLY.

EVERY-ONE'S LOOKING AT ME.

UM, I...

I USED TO GO TO ANOTHER SCHOOL, AND...

ERR...

MY NAME...

IS NANAMI ŌSAKA.

UM...

ERR...

REALIZE

WORDS FLOWED OUT OF MY MOUTH NATU-RALLY WITH HIM.

HOW COME?

TALKING WITH KAORU WAS JUST FINE.

SQUEEZE

THAT SHOULD HELP ME TALK SMOOTHLY!

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I JUST NEED TO THINK OF EVERYONE AS KAORU INSTEAD OF PUMPKINS!

O-OH, I KNOW!

Roll book

KEEP QUIET AND LISTEN TO HER INTRODUCTION.

ZZZ...

SHE LOOKS CUTE, DOESN'T SHE?

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

I'M SO PROUD OF HER FOR BEING ABLE TO TALK SMOOTHLY.

...

...

I TOOK A FAIRLY LONG BREAK AT MY PREVIOUS SCHOOL, BUT I TRANSFERRED HERE TO SPEND TIME WITH A FRIEND OF MINE. I ENJOY PLAYING GAMES, ESPECIALLY ONLINE ONES, AND...

B-BUT THIS IS WAY TOO CUTE FOR ME...

WELL, THIS DEFINITELY MAKES IT EASY FOR ME TO SPEAK...

↑ HAS NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON IN NANAMI'S HEAD.

«NEXT

LEVEL 74 SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW

WHEW.

IT WAS ONLY THE OPENING CEREMONY AND HOMEROOM FOR TODAY, BUT I FEEL REALLY EXHAUSTED ALREADY.

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YEAH, YOU GOT SURROUNDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU FINISHED YOUR INTRODUCTION.

DO YOU HAVE ALL OF YOUR TEXTBOOKS?

LET'S GO TO THE CAFETERIA!

WHAT CLUB ARE YOU JOINING?

I COULD BARELY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THEY ASKED. WILL THIS BE OKAY...?

COMMON FOR SHY PEOPLE TO FEEL NEGATIVE WHEN SELF-REFLECTING.

THEY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO TALK TO ME, BUT WHAT IF THEY THINK I'M RUDE?

I'M FAIRLY SURE THEY WON'T THINK THAT.

FIDGET

FIDGET

I THINK EVERYONE'S MORE THAN HAPPY TO TEACH YOU ALL SORTS OF—

YIKES, I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR MY SHIFT!

ŌSAKA!

KAORU!

HM?

OH NO...

TAP

TAP

SEE YOU AGAIN TO-MORROW!

OH.

I SEE...

SEE YOU!

SEE YOU TOMORROW, NANAMI-CHAN!

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ぽた TAP

IT'S NOT JUST TODAY.

I'LL SEE EVERYONE AGAIN TO-MORROW.

KAORU...

PREVIOUSLY, I COULD ONLY SEE KAORU ON THE WEEK-ENDS...

STARE

?

BUT FROM NOW ON...

SEE...

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SEE YOU AGAIN TO-MORROW.

MM.

UM...

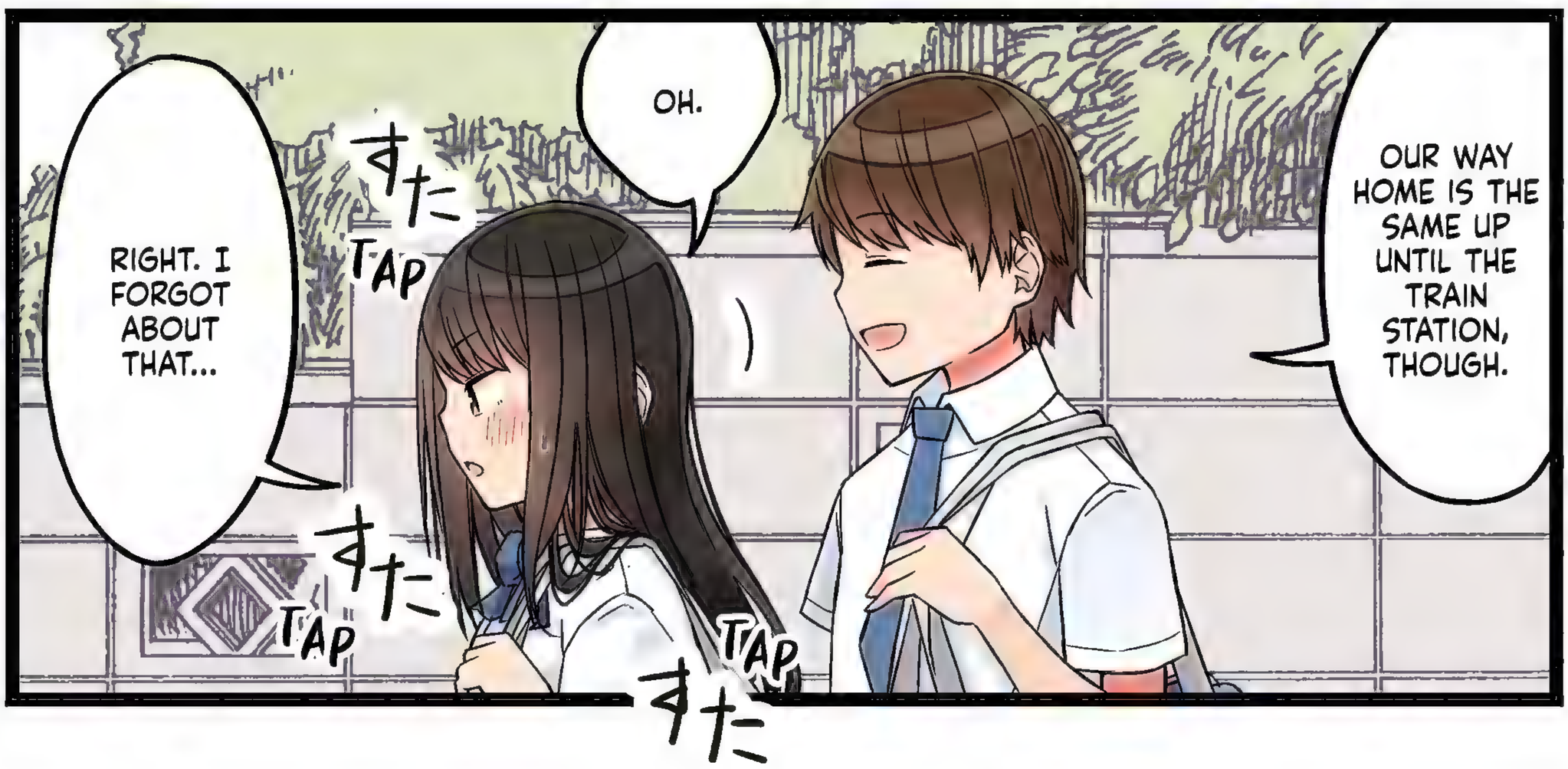
...

SMILE

YEP.

SEE YOU AGAIN TOMOR-ROW.

«NEXT


RIGHT. I FORGOT ABOUT THAT...
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OH.
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OUR WAY HOME IS THE SAME UP UNTIL THE TRAIN STATION, THOUGH.
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TAP

EXTRA LIFE LEVEL 75

THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE A BIG FUSS

WEL-COME BACK!

O-OH!

NANAMI!

HUH?

DADDY?!

KA-CHAK カチャ

I'M BACK.

WHY ARE YOU HOME?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO WORK?!

UH...

NAH, WE ONLY JUST MET TODAY.

MORE IMPOR-TANT-LY...

Y-YOU DIDN'T GET BULLIED BY YOUR CLASS-MATES OR ANYTHIN', RIGHT?!

W-WERE YOU OKAY AT SCHOOL?!

REALLY?

THAT'S WHY HE TOOK THE DAY OFF TO STAY HOME.

DARLING WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

KA-CHAK

WELCOME BACK, NANA-MI.

HERE.

YOU DIDN'T NEED TO GET THAT EXCITED...

I COULDN'T FOCUS ON WORK KNOWING YOU WERE AT SCHOOL.

THE VERY THOUGHT WORRIED ME, SO...

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LIKE, IT'S ONLY BEEN A YEAR SINCE I LAST WENT TO SCHOOL.

RIGHT, MOMM-

CLUNK

I'M SORRY, NANAMI.

WHAT'S THIS FOR?! A CAKE?!

I WAS A BIT EXCITED AS WELL.

YOU SEE...

BOTH OF YOU?

GOSH.

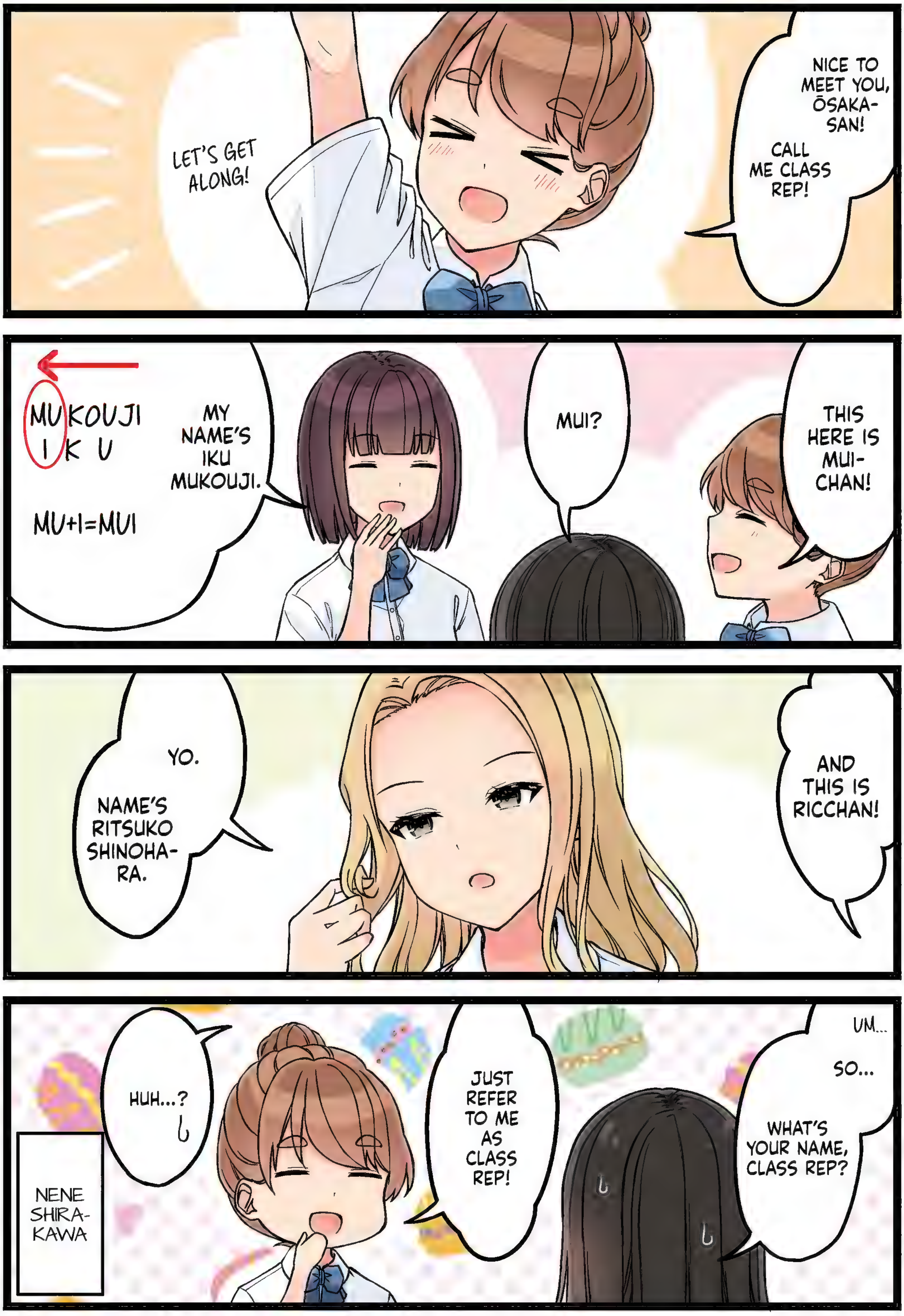
Nanami
Congrats on your return to school

THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE A BIG FUSS...

«NEXT

EXTRA LIFE LEVEL 76

JUST REFER TO ME AS CLASS REP



«NEXT

Sometimes
Even Reality
Is a Lie!
PRESENTED BY NIICHI

LEVEL 77

WE'RE JUST NORMAL FRIENDS!

SHE WAS DRAGGED BY HER CLASS-MATES TO A BOOK-STORE.

I NEED TO GET THESE WORK-BOOKS... AND THESE TEXTBOOKS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES AS WELL.

HMM. LET'S SEE...

OH.

A VOCAB NOTE-BOOK!

HERE YOU GO, ŌSAKA-SAN!

I GOTTA SAY, THOUGH...

*TRYING TO SAY THANKS.

UM... TH-THA...

EACH SCHOOL REQUIRES DIFFER-ENT BOOKS, SO I BET IT'S ROUGH TO GET EVERY-THING.

O-OH, UM... WELL...

I'M SURPRISED YOU NEATLY FIT SO MUCH ON THAT NOTE CARD.

I WAS INITIALLY AT A LOSS BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS I NEEDED TO GET.

WHEN I TOLD KAORU ABOUT IT, HE MADE THIS LIST FOR ME.

あわ PANIC

I MEAN KAORU-KUN, OR, ACTUALLY ...

T-TERA-SAKI-KUN...?

あわ PANIC

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...

OH.

...

DEEP BREATH すぅ

NOD こくっ

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NOD こくっ

OH.
YOU'RE STRAIGHT UP ASKING HER?
SO...
WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TERASAKI-KUN?
I THOUGHT YOU'D LET IT SLIDE, BUT I GUESS NOT.
YOU'RE REALLY GONNA ASK?
HUH?
WELL...
U-UM...
IN THAT CASE...
SHAKE
A CHILD-HOOD FRIEND?
SHAKE
SHAKE
IS HE YOUR REL-ATIVE?
SHAKE

WE'RE JUST NORMAL FRIENDS!

F-

IS HE YOUR BOY-FR-

THAT LEAVES ONE OPTION.

FRIENDS!

CHATTER

CHATTER

?

U-?...

STARE

FRIENDS...

WELCOME BACK, NANAMI.

SORRY, RYUUJI ASKED ME TO TAG ALONG WITH HIM FOR SOMETHING, SO...

NEXT

LEVEL 78 I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS DAY

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

JUST FOLLOW ME.

YEAH, I AM. WHERE ARE WE GOING, THOUGH?

OH, NANAMI.

ARE YOU FREE?

Takoyaki Maru

ONE PACK OF EIGHT, PLEASE.

COMING RIGHT UP!

HEY!

WELCOME!

TAKOYAKI?

¥450

¥400

...

MUNCH

MUNCH

HERE YOU GO, NANAMI.

IT'S HOT, SO BE CAREFUL.

OH, RIGHT.

DO YOU LIKE TAKOYAKI?

I FORGOT TO ASK.

YOU'RE ASKING ME NOW?!

WELL, I GUESS PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE TAKOYAKI ARE RARE, BUT...

...

SO I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TREAT YOU TO SOME IF I EVER GOT THE CHANCE.

SORRY, SORRY.

YOU SEE, THE TAKOYAKI FROM HERE IS DELI-CIOUS...

HOLD ON, LEMME GET SOME WATER.

OH.

COUGH

COUGH

PHEW

ZP GULP

ZP GULP

HERE.

HA

CHOMP

YOU KNOW...

THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE HAD TAKOYAKI FROM A TAKOYAKI PLACE.

SO I'M PRETTY SURE THAT, BEFORE LONG, YOU'LL SWING BY SO OFTEN YOU'LL GET USED TO IT.

SOME OF THEM WANTED TO INVITE YOU ALONG...

ALL OUR CLASS-MATES COME HERE.

¥400

IN THAT CASE...

I SEE.

THIS FIRST TIME IS SPECIAL TO ME.

I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS DAY.

GO AHEAD.

CAN I HAVE ANOTHER?

«NEXT

LEVEL 79 EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY'RE NOT GOOD WITH

HI CHATTER

HI CHATTER

1-

LET'S SEE, WHAT'S MY NEXT CLASS?

MATHEMATICS!

OH.

SHE'S RIGHT THERE.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

OH.

I THINK I LEARNED THIS AT MY PREVIOUS SCHOOL.

IT LOOKS THE SAME...

HUH?

OH...

I'M SORRY...

YIKES!

THIS IS A HANDOUT FROM SUMMER SCHOOL, AND...

APPEAR

ŌSAKA-SAN!

EEP!

SLAM

JOLT

APPEAR

YOU SEE...

NANAMI'S NOT GOOD WITH TALKING TO GUYS, SO YEAH.

!

I'M SURE HE THINKS I'M A WEIRD PERS-

OH, UM...

WELL, MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

A-ARGH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

I SERIOUSLY OVERREACTED.

PANIC

PANIC

S-SOME GUY SPEAKING TO ME ALL OF A SUDDEN CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.

MATHEMATICS I

MATHEMATICS I

YOU'RE A GUY TOO, RIGHT?

?

SHE'S OKAY WITH TALKING TO YOU?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

SO I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU GAVE HER SOME TIME.

HOWEVER, IT'S NOT THAT SHE DISLIKES YOU...

WELL, OKAY.

I UNDER-STAND NOW THAT SHE'S NOT GOOD WITH GUYS...

OH, SO YOU HAVE TROUBLE TALKING TO GUYS, ŌSAKA-SAN?

BUT IT'S KIND OF INCONVENIENT FOR DAILY INTERACTIONS, SO...

HM?

I CAN'T EAT GREEN PEPPERS!

WE'RE SIMILAR!

HUH?

REALLY?

YOU'RE AS AIRHEADED AS USUAL, CLASS REP.

BESIDES, GREEN PEPPERS ARE GOOD!

THAT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

SO YEAH. DON'T WORRY, ŌSAKA-SAN!

GRASP

DON'T EXPOSE ME LIKE THIS.

AND RICCHAN DOESN'T CARE FOR SHALLOW FLIRTING.

SHE SAID BEFORE THAT SHE WANTS TO MARRY SOMEONE WHO'S SINCERE AND FAITHFUL.

FOR EXAMPLE, MUI-CHAN DISLIKES INSECTS.

EVERY-ONE HAS SOME-THING THEY'RE NOT GOOD WITH, RIGHT?

LET'S CONQUER OUR FEARS TOGETHER!

OH...

THANKS.

OH.

SHE REALLY WENT FOR IT.

I FIGURED SHE'D ASK, BUT STILL...

BY THE WAY...

WHY ARE YOU OKAY AROUND TERASAKI-KUN?

NEXT

*A GROUP OR PARTY WITH FIXED MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAIDS OR OTHER SIMILAR CONTENT

USUHIME

MIKE

OH, MY.

HUH?

YOU'RE GONNA DIP OUT FROM THE NOON STATIC* ON WEEKDAYS?!

NANAMI

YEAH...

WHAT HAPPENED-NYA?! A NET JUNKIE LIKE YOU NOT RAIDING...?

OH!

I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS.

カタ KLAK

カタ KLAK

カタ KLAK

OHIGE

NANAMI

NAH.

THAT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PROBLEM...

HUH?

HUH?!

IT'S QUITE YIKES TO ME AS WELL-NYA!

IS IT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T STAND OHIGE'S TERRIBLE FASHION SENSE-NYA?!

UHIME

WAIT, HOLD ON...

YOU'RE A STUDENT?!

SERI-OUSLY?!

I WAS SURE THAT YOU WERE SOME MIDDLE-AGED DUDE!

YAYOI

SHOCKED

KLAK KLAK

YOU SEE...

NANAMI

I TOOK TIME OFF SCHOOL UNTIL NOW...

BUT I STARTED GOING AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER, SO...

A STUDENT LIKE YOU PULLED OFF A 72-HOUR MARA-THON SESSION OF CAMPING FOR A RARE SPAWN WITH DRIED SQUID IN ONE HAND?

YOU'RE ALWAYS ONLINE REGARDLESS OF WHEN I LOG ON, SO I FIGURED YOU LIVED ON THE INTERNET OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT OLD GAMES THAN ME, AND I'M ALMOST FORTY...

SO I WAS SURE THAT YOU WERE SOME MIDDLE-AGED DUDE! (REPETI-TION FOR EMPHASIS)

DEFENSIVE ARMADILLO POSE TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM THE SHAME OF HER EMBAR-RASSING PAST.

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

FOR NOW, LET'S PUT ASIDE OUR THEORIES ON WHETHER OR NOT NANAMI IS A MIDDLE-AGED DUDE.

WELL...

NANAMI

I WAS THINKING IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO PARTICI-PATE DURING LUNCH TIME AT SCHOOL...

DROP THAT IDEA, SERIOUSLY.

HMM...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE STATIC-NYA?

OHIGE?

I FIGURED THIS WAS HOW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT...

SO WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO POSTPONE DOING CONTENT AS A STATIC UNTIL EVERYONE ELSE IMPROVES AT THE GAME AND GETS BETTER GEAR.

THERE AREN'T MANY OUT THERE WHO ARE AS WELL EQUIPPED AS NANAMI IS...

I'D LIKE TO AVOID HAVING TO RECRUIT RANDOMS SINCE I DON'T THINK THEY'D FIT WELL WITH US.

?

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING, NANAMI-NYA?

NANA

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS.

WE'RE REALLY CLOSE TO CLEARING THE RAID WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON, BUT...

OHIGE

FEEL FREE TO HOP ON FOR SOME GAMING AT NIGHT OR ON WEEKENDS WHENEVER YOU WANT TO.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE QUITTING THE GUILD.

HIT US UP WHENEVER, MIDDLE-AGED DUDE!

AYOI

USU

THANKS FOR PLAYING WITH US FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR!

HOWEVER, YOU CAN COME BACK WHENEVER YOU WANT IF YOU FEEL DOWN OR NEED COMPANY!

REAL LIFE IS IMPORTANT AS WELL!

MIKE

THIS IS A GOOD THING-NYA!

YOU DECIDED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL, RIGHT-NYA?

TAKE CARE!

WHY ARE YOU LEAKING THAT NOW OF ALL TIMES?!

I MET HIM IN REAL LIFE.

BY THE WAY, MIKE ACTUALLY IS A MIDDLE-AGED MAN.

OH.

NANAMI

SEE YOU ALL LATER!

NEXT

PROFESSIONAL MINDSET

Sometimes
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Is a Lie!
PRESENTED BY NIICHI

チチ...
CHIRP

OKAY.
I'M HEADING OUT NOW, NANAMI.

GOTCHA.

THANKS.

YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION TODAY, RIGHT?

I FILLED YOUR LUNCH BOX WITH YOUR FAVORITE FOODS, SO GOOD LUCK.

LEVEL 81 WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FOODS?

MM.

WELL...

TAKE CARE.

DAR

ガバッ!! JUMP

YEAH.
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR GAME TOURNAMENT, NANAMI.

I'LL MAKE DINNER WHEN I GET HOME.

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BEEP

2:05

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POUR

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WHY DID I DREAM THAT?

ゴクッ
GULP

UGH.

I'M WIDE-AWAKE NOW.

...

Kaoru

Today

Are you still awake?

2 : 10

DING

I SHOULD JUST FOR-GET IT AND GET BACK TO SLE-

NAH, THERE'S NO WAY HE'S STILL UP NOW.

2 : 10

What's wrong?

2 : 12

You appe |

Appeal

Appear

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PHEW

DING

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DELETE

DELETE

It's nothing.

POP

Good night.

We don't have school tomorrow, so we can chat for a bit if you want to.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FOODS?

SIMMERED MEAT AND POTATOES? WHAT ELSE?

BY THE WAY...

BY...

UGH.

HELLO ...?

LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOTH-ING.

YEAH.

«NEXT

LEVEL 82 DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU APPLY IT?

HMM...

OH.

SORRY.

WHAT? YOU'VE BEEN MAKING THOSE "HMM" NOISES FOR A WHILE NOW.

YOUR WIG?

YOU SEE, MY WIG'S A BIT DAMAGED.

BA-DUMP

THERE'S ALSO SOME BREAK-AGE.

THE ENDS HAVE BECOME FRIZZY AND TANGLE EASILY NOW.

I SEE.

WELL...

?

I CAN'T TELL THE DIFFER-ENCE...

I MAKE SURE TO BRUSH IT BEFORE AND AFTER I WEAR IT, AND I THOROUGHLY WASH IT WITH WARM WATER AFTER A WHILE OF USE. I ALSO USE SPECIFIC WIG SHAMPOO AND GENTLY RINSE IT, AND I APPLY TREATMENTS BEFORE I TOWEL DRY IT. ONCE I'M DONE, I SPRAY THE WHOLE THING WITH SPECIFIC WIG CONDITIONERS. AFTER THAT, I DRY IT WITH COLD AIR USING A DRYER AND THEN SLOWLY FLAT IRON IT WITH A LOW HEAT SETTING IN ORDER TO...

BLAH

BLAH

BLAH

WELL, YEAH, I'VE BEEN DOING THAT...

BUT I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO CARE FOR LONG HAIR.

WOULDN'T NORMAL WIG MAINTENANCE HELP WITH THAT?

?

WARM WATER?

THOR-OUGHLY?

???

PERCENTAGE OF HOW MUCH SHE UNDERSTOOD

2%

HUH?

WHAT ABOUT TREATMENTS OR CONDI-TIONERS? YOU DON'T USE ANY OF THAT?

W-WELL, I DON'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.

MOMM- I MEAN, I JUST USE THE SHAMPOO THAT MY MOM PICKS FOR ME.

M-

ME?

OH YEAH, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW YOU TAKE CARE OF AND MAINTAIN YOUR HAIR, NANAMI?

IT MIGHT BE A GOOD REFERENCE.

HMM.

SHE PROBABLY USES SOME KIND OF ALL-IN-ONE SHAMPOO.

UH...

...?

IF YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN YOUR CURRENT HAIR QUALITY AND TEXTURE WITH MINIMAL EFFORT....

OH, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

I-I SEE...

WELL, I SOMETIMES LEAVE MY HAIR TO DRY NATURALLY IF I'M IN A RUSH TO GET BACK TO GAMING...

I ALSO USE A HAIR DRYER AFTER I'M DONE WITH A BATH OR A SHOWER.

UM...

REALLY...?

YEAH.

I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN.

THEN WOULDN'T YOUR HAIR BE EVEN PRETTIER IF YOU PROPERLY TOOK CARE OF IT?

SURPRISE

!

STRAIGHTEN

SQUIRT

the Organic Hair Oil

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HOO

HOO
ホー…

UH...

IS THIS HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO DO IT?

I HOPE MOMMY'S HAIR OIL WORKS FOR ME.

MM.

ARE YOU INTERESTED? DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU APPLY IT?

MOM-MY?!

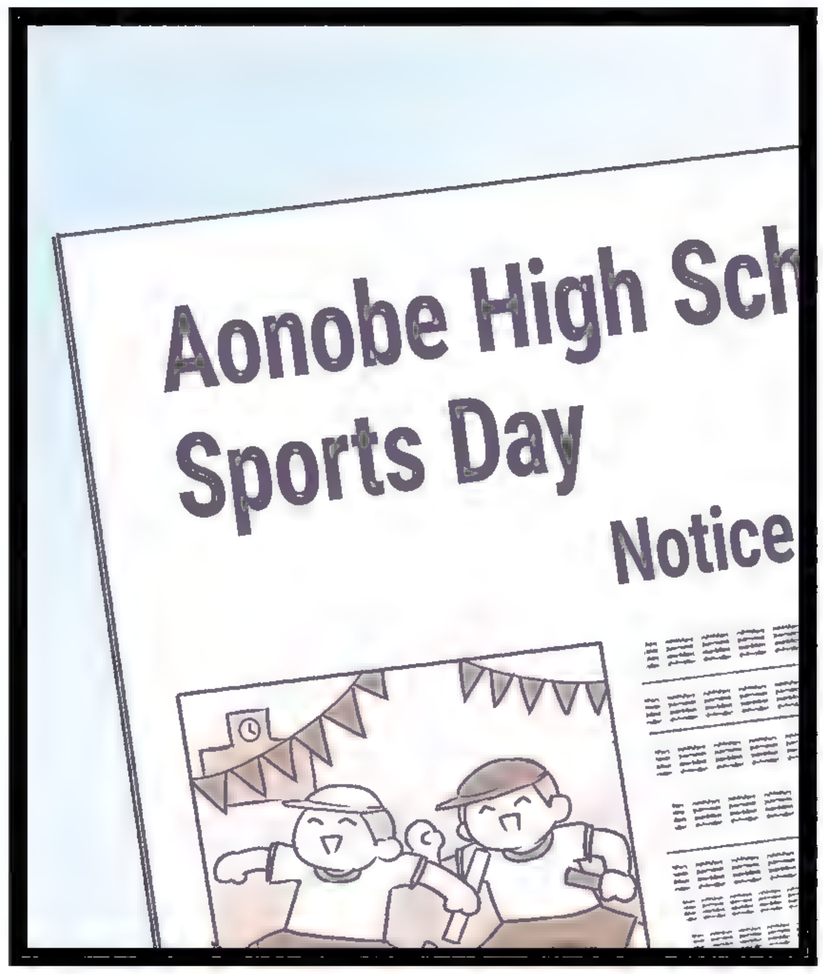
U-UM, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

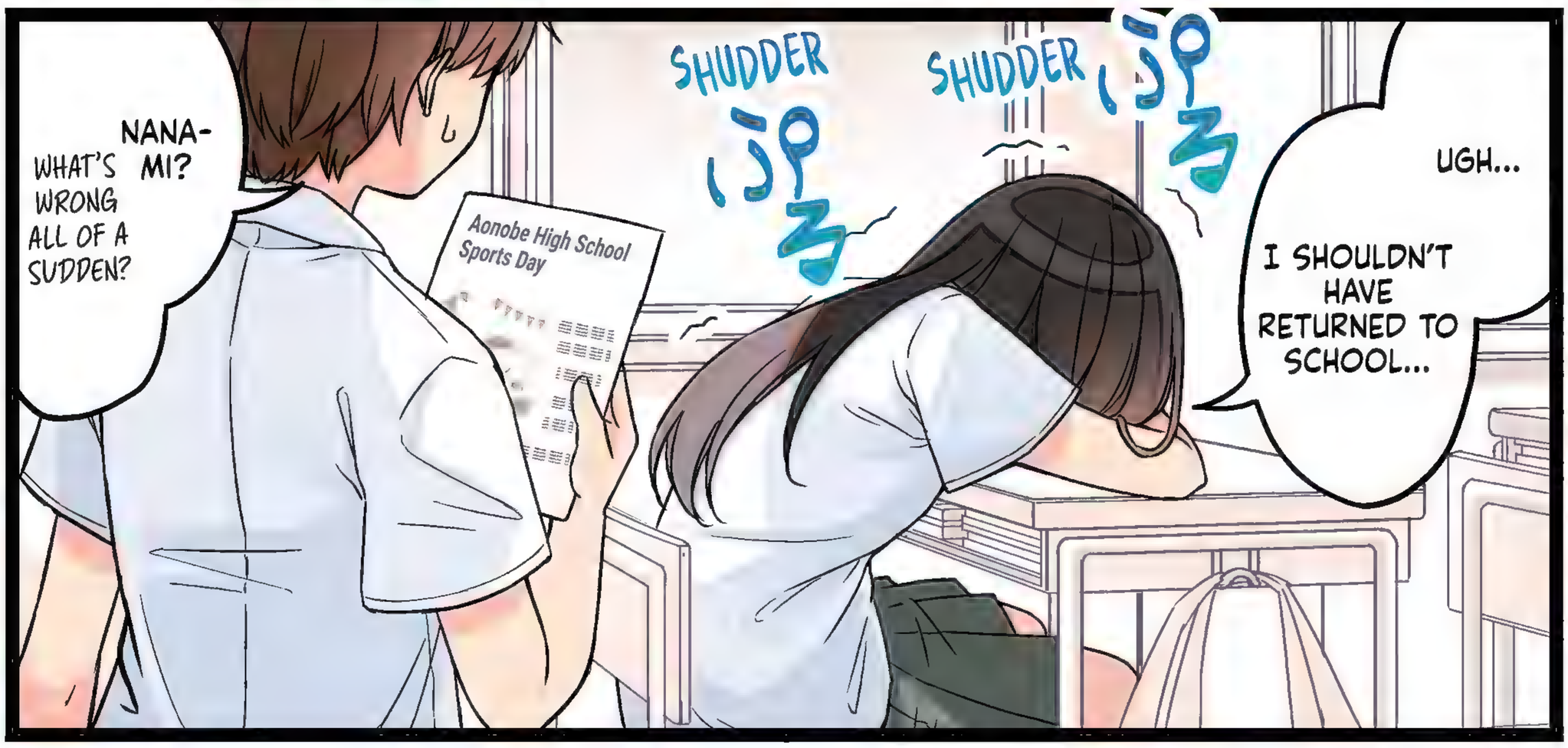
NO, THAT'S NOT IT! REALLY!

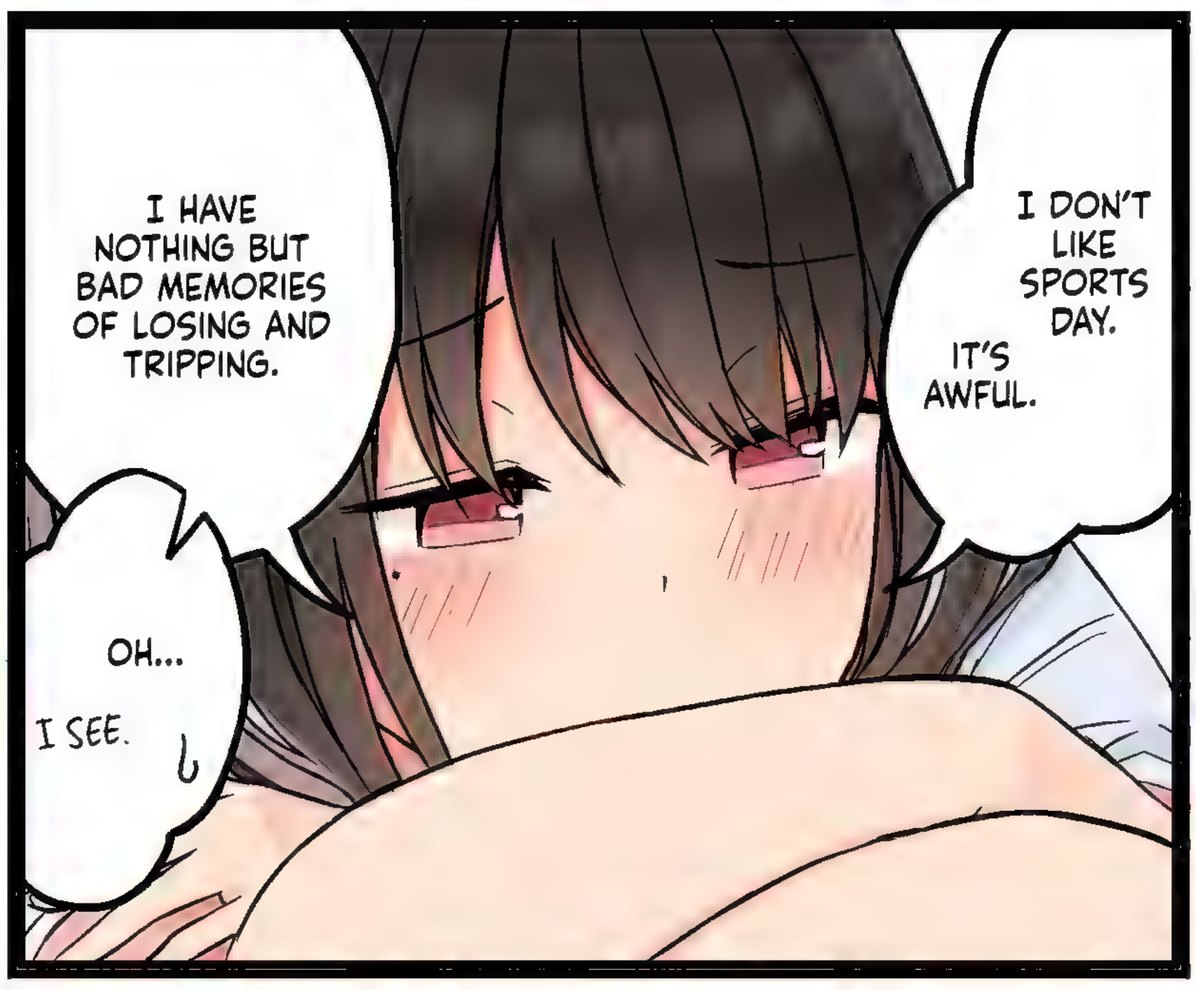
HEE HEE

«NEXT

LEVEL 83 SHE SEEMED QUITE HAPPY AS SHE HEADED OUT







PUBLIC PARK

TELL ME...

KIDS RUN IT WITH THEIR PARENTS DURING THE ACTUAL EVENT.

CHILD

PARENT

IT'S A TRADITIONAL EVENT AT OUR SCHOOL.

WHY IS A THREE-LEGGED RACE ONE OF THE EVENTS WE HAVE TO PRACTICE FOR?!

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M ASKING!

OKAY, I'M DONE STRAPPING OUR LEGS TOGETHER.

LIKE, YOU'D BE WRAPPING YOUR ARMS AROUND ME IN PUBLIC FOR EVERYONE TO SEE...

WELL, NO, BUT...

DON'T YOU FEEL EMBARRASSED AT ALL?

HAVE YOU SEEN ANYONE RUN A THREE-LEGGED RACE *WITHOUT* WRAPPING THEIR ARMS AROUND EACH OTHER?

WH-

WHY ARE YOU WRAPPING YOUR ARM AROUND MY SHOULDER?!

RIGHT!

ADVANCE

TRIP

YOU SHOULD'VE FELT EMBARRASSED TWO MINUTES AGO BEFORE YOU TRIED TO DO IT!

I FEEL KIND OF EMBARRASSED NOW.

HMM, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

READY, SET, GO!

RIGHT LEG FIRST, OKAY? DON'T GET IT WRONG!

W-WELL, I GUESS WE CAN GIVE IT A SHOT.

I THINK WE CAN RUN EVEN IF WE DON'T HOLD ON TO EACH OTHER, RIGHT?

O-OKAY, ENOUGH OF THAT!

NEVER MIND...

W-WELL, NANAMI, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAID RIGHT FI-

HUH?

SOMEONE'S BOUND TO TRIP IF WE BOTH MOVE OUR RIGHT LEGS AT THE SAME TIME!

ARE YOU AN AIRHEAD OR SOMETHING?

HM?

U-UH...

YEAH.

UNDERSTOOD?!

I'LL MOVE MY RIGHT LEG FIRST, SO YOU MOVE YOUR LEFT FIRST!

ONE MORE TIME!

SPORTS DAY?

SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO PRACTICE FOR SPORTS DAY.

NANAMI LEFT EARLIER AND HASN'T COME BACK YET.

OH, WELCOME HOME, DARLING.

NANAMI'S SHOES ARE GONE?

NOT AT ALL.

IT'S TRUE IT'S A SCHOOL EVENT, BUT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO FORCE HERSELF IF SHE DOESN'T WANT TO.

DID SHE SEEM RELUCTANT ABOUT IT?

UGH, FINE! JUST THIS ONCE, OKAY?!

I MEAN, WE CAN'T MAINTAIN OUR SENSE OF BALANCE OTHERWISE.

WHY DO WE NEED TO HOLD ON TO EACH OTHER?!

EXPLAIN TO ME!

IN FACT...

SHE SEEMED QUITE HAPPY AS SHE HEADED OUT.

GRASP

«NEXT

MM.

THAT SHOULD DO IT.

STICK

SORRY YOU GOT INJURED ALL OVER YOUR LEGS.

YEAH, YOU SHOULD BE SORRY.

LEVEL 84 I ACCIDENTALLY BROUGHT HER HOME

ALSO, HOW COME I WAS ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE TO TRIP?

THAT WAS COM-PLETELY UNFAIR!

POOR BALANCE!

IT MIGHT BE SMART TO PREPARE SOME PROTECTIVE KNEEPADS...

...

HOWEVER...

I'VE BECOME FAIRLY GOOD AT RUNNING THREE-LEGGED RACES THANKS TO YOU, SO...

UH...

OH, WELL, YOU SEE...

I RARELY SAY THESE KINDS OF THINGS.

LISTEN TO ME!

WELL, I'M SOMEWHAT THANKFUL FOR YOUR HELP...

THE SKY LOOKS-

FLASH

FLASH

FWSSSSHH

S-SLOW DOWN, NANAMI!

YOU'LL TRIP IF YOU PANIC LIKE THAT!

EEP!

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ポタ
DRIP

UM...

UH...

OH.

MM...

TH-THAT'S THE SHOWER, SO...

O-OVER THERE!

ポタ
DRIP

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KA-CHAK

ポタ
DRIP

BA-DUMP

I ACCI-DENTALLY BROUGHT HER HOME WITH ME...

BA-DUMP

OH GOSH...

BA-DUMP

CLOSE

PHEW

I NEED TO CALL NANAMI'S PARENTS SO ONE OF THEM CAN COME PICK HER UP.

M-MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB

BUT IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FOR HER TO COME HERE INSTEAD OF THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

SURE, MY PLACE WAS CLOSER THAN HERS...

RATTLE RATTLE

SLIDE

BA-DUMP

SHAAA...

18:56

A sudden downpour of rain has hit areas of the Kanto region. The rain has caused flooding and is expected to affect various modes of public transportation

HUH?

...

NEXT

LEVEL 85 WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!

SIP

RELAXED

O-OH, SORRY. I GUESS I HEATED IT UP TOO MUCH.

ACK!

MOVING ON TO FURTHER NEWS...

BLOW

OH. THANKS...

UM... I'LL ADD SOME MILK FOR YOU.

SPLOSH

SPLOSH

THE RAIN IS CONTINUING TO POUR WITH NO SIGNS OF STOPPING AND—

I GUESS I'M STUCK HERE FOR NOW.

TOKYO PREFECTURE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING THUNDERSTORMS SINCE 6:00 P.M.

IN ADDITION, REPORTS OF DOWNED TREES BECAUSE OF STRONG WINDS ARE COMING FROM SOME REGIONS AS WELL.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

MY DAD'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP.

SAME AS USUAL.

OH, I SEE...

THAT MEANS WE'RE ALONE, HUH?

MOMMY— I MEAN, I TRIED CALLING MY MOM...

BUT SHE SAID SHE CAN'T COME PICK ME UP IN THIS WEATHER.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS A TYPICAL SCENE YOU'D FIND IN DATING SIMS...

THAT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KEEP TO YOURSELF, EVEN IF IT COMES TO MIND.

???

WHEW

I GUESS NOT...

FWSSSSHH

BESIDES, DO YOU THINK I CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT A SCRATCH IF I HEAD OUTSIDE IN THIS RAINY WEATHER?

NAH, I CAN'T. I DIDN'T BRING ANY MONEY WITH ME.

THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING AVAILABLE...

WHAT IF YOU BOOK A ROOM AT A NEARBY HOTEL?

O-OH, I KNOW!

OH, NEVER MIND...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHA–

UM, WELL, I THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME ISSUES WITH THAT...

Y'KNOW?

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY HERE FOR THE NIGHT.

SO YEAH...

パタ-ン SLAM

ガサゴソ... RUSTLE

OH.

OKAY...

すっ TURN

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I'M HUNGRY, SO LET'S EAT.

RELAX. IT'S NO BIG DEAL. WE'VE SLEPT IN THE SAME ROOM BEFORE, REMEMBER?

...

I GUESS I REALLY CAN COUNT ON HER TO BE RELIABLE IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS.

SHE'S TECHNICALLY OLDER THAN ME, THOUGH.

I DIDN'T EXPECT NANAMI TO BE SO CALM ABOUT THIS.

I WAS CERTAIN SHE'D PANIC AND GET EMBARRASSED.

PHEW

RELIEVED

SHIVER

WHILE I'M STAYING OVER...

AT KAORU'S PLACE?

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

SHIVER

BA-DUMP

I...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...

THE TWO OF US, ALONE...?

SHE WAS ACTUALLY PANICKING QUITE A BIT.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!

FWSSSSHH

WHA...

«NEXT

LEVEL 85.5 I'M A BIT WORRIED

...

BUT I GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT NANAMI IF SHE'S STAYIN' OVER AT KAORI'S PLACE.

FWSSSSHH

I WAS KINDA CONCERNED BY THE SUDDEN DOWN-POUR...

Nanami

I'll be staying over at Kaori's place tonight.

I see. Is there anything you're worried about or need help with?

Darling said he can dash over if it's not safe to use the car

Nah, he'll just get wet from the rain.

I'll be fine. Be careful and stay safe.

HM.

WELL...

OH.

HM? WHAT'S UP, HONEY?

WELL, IN ANY CASE, WE SHOULD PREPARE SOMETHIN' LIKE A BOX OF CAKES ONE DAY TO THANK KAORI FOR LETTIN' NANAMI STAY OVER.

HM?

MM. WE CAN GIVE IT TO HER NEXT TIME SHE COMES OVER TO HANG OUT WITH NANAMI.

FWSSSSHH

SO I'LL TAKE HER WORD FOR IT.

BUT SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE'S FINE...

I'M A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HER...

Sometimes
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EXTRA LIFE LEVEL 86 IT WAS ACTUALLY KINDA FUN

ONE DAY, DURING SUMMER...

KAORU AND NANAMI WENT TO BUY CLOTHES AS USUAL, BUT...

Rico & Mashiro

PLEASE! I'M BEGGING YOU!

UM...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY.

LIKE, ARE YOU REALLY ASKING ME TO MODEL FOR PHOTOS WHILE CROSS-DRESSING?

I WON'T BE A GOOD FIT, SO...

NAH, YOU'RE PERFECT FOR WHAT I HAVE IN MIND!

YOU'LL GET PAID FOR IT, SO PLEASE!

KAORU RECEIVED AN OFFER TO MODEL FOR A PHOTO SHOOT.

NAO-SAN (SALESPERSON)

I'M SURE A PROFES-SIONAL MODEL WOULD BE BETTER, SO...

S-SAY SOMETHING, NANAMI!

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE A CUTE-LOOKING KAORU-KUN AS WELL, NANAMI-CHAN?!

RIGHT!

NANAMI?!

YEAH, I WANT TO SEE HOW CUTE HE CAN LOOK.

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NANAMI HAD THE FINAL WORD.

AS A RESULT...

OKAY, THAT'S ALL!

WHOA...

IT'S REALLY SPACIOUS HERE...

KAORU WENT WITH THE FLOW AND ENDED UP AGREE-ING TO THE PHOTO SHOOT.

YOU TOO.

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK, YUKARI-CHAN!

SURE!

LET'S GO OUT TO EAT SOMETIME!

DOESN'T KNOW WHO SHE IS.

?

WHOA...

THAT'S YUKARI TACHIBANA, THE FAMOUS MODEL!

KAORU-KUN! NANAMI-CHAN!

WELCOME!

UH...

I FEEL A LITTLE OUT OF PLACE...

NERVOUS

LET ME KNOW IF THEY DON'T FIT.

OKAY, PLEASE TRY THESE ON!

MASHIRO-SAN (SALESPERSON)

Changing room

PROFESSIONAL MODELS HAVE BETTER BODIES THAN ME AND ACTUALLY KNOW HOW TO POSE.

AM I REALLY THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR THIS?

I-I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE.

HM?

WHAT'S UP?

UM...

ERR...

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY ENJOYING THIS, AREN'T YOU, NANA-MI?!

YEAH, EXACTLY!

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EXCITED

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EXCITED

I'M SURE YOU'LL LOOK GOOD IN THESE, KAORU-KUN!

TRUST ME, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY!

AND HERE'RE YOUR CLOTHES, NANAMI-CHAN.

ALL RIGHT, GO TO THE OTHER ROOM TO CHANGE, KAORU-KUN.

PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

HUH?!

MIGHT AS WELL, RIGHT?

I'D LIKE BOTH OF YOU TO BE IN TODAY'S SHOOT.

HM? OH, DID I FORGET TO MEN-TION?

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FLASH

OKAY, SAY CHEESE!

EXCEL-LENT!

LET'S TAKE ANOTHER PHOTO!

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FLASH

I KINDA FEEL LIKE THAT'S JUST KARMA, NANAMI.

WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS AS WELL?

WELL...

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT I'M FEELING WAY MORE EMBAR-RASSED THAN YOU.

LOOK THIS WAY!

OKAY, NEXT ONE!

UGH. IT'S SO EMBARRASSING TO GET LOOKED AT AND TO POSE FOR PHOTOS.

NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER...

IT WAS ACTUALLY KINDA FUN.

AFTER ALL WE HAVEN'T REALLY TAKEN A LOT OF PHOTOS TOGETHER.

ON TOP OF THAT...

WE'RE WEARING THE SAME CLOTHES...

SO IT KINDA FEELS NICE TO HAVE MATCHING OUTFITS.

かあっ BLUSH

OKAY!

THAT'S ALL!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN SAY THOSE CHEESY LINES SO EASILY!

HUH?! WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?!

OH, THOSE ARE SOME GREAT EXPRESSIONS!

FLASH

FLASH

EXHAUSTED

I'M SO TIRED.

UGH...

BY THE WAY...

HAPPY TO HELP.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME TODAY, BOTH OF YOU!

KAORU-KUN...

HOW DID THOSE CLOTHES FEEL WHEN YOU WORE THEM TODAY?

WHY DID YOU ASK US TO PARTICI-PATE IN A PHOTO SHOOT?

THEY WERE DESIGNED FOR BOYS WHO WANT TO CROSS-DRESS.

ABOUT THAT...

THEY WERE QUITE COMFORTABLE.

IT FELT LIKE THEY FIT ME PERFECTLY.

HOWEVER, THEY HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING OUTFITS THAT FIT THEM DUE TO THEIR PHYSIQUE.

YOU SEE... A DECENT NUMBER OF THOSE BOYS DROP BY THE STORE WHERE I WORK.

OH, DON'T WORRY. THEY'RE ALSO MADE TO LOOK GOOD ON GIRLS AS WELL!

IN THAT CASE, THEY JUST LOOK OVERSIZED.

I'M THE ONE WHO DESIGNED THEM.

THAT'S WHY I HAD SOME ITEMS TAILOR-MADE TO FIT A BOY'S PHYSIQUE.

OH, I SEE.

HOP

IT'LL BE GREAT IF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO WEAR CUTE CLOTHES CAN FIND SOMETHING THEY LIKE.

AND I WANT TO HELP THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE WITH THAT, SO YEAH.

I HAVE A GOAL.

I WANT A FUTURE WHERE PEOPLE CAN FIND AND CHOOSE WHATEVER THEY WANT TO WEAR WITHOUT BEING HELD BACK BY GENDER.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS A WEIRD PERSON FOR ASKING AN AMATEUR LIKE ME TO BE A MODEL...

BUT IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW.

WHOOPS, I STEPPED ON THE BLACK LINE.

SHE CHOSE ME ON PURPOSE, HUH?

I'M GLAD TO KNOW THAT.

OH, RIGHT.

THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER REASON.

OH.

I GUESS SHE IS JUST A WEIRDO...

THE SAME GOES FOR NANAMI-CHAN!

GRIN

I WANTED TO HAVE PHOTOS TAKEN WHILE YOU WERE WEARING CUTE CLOTHES TO PRESERVE THAT IMAGE FOREVER!

SOME TIME LATER...

OUR PHOTOS ENDED UP BEING USED FOR ADVER-TISEMENT POSTERS.

Rico & Mashiro

IN FACT, IT BECAME A HOT TOPIC AMONG CERTAIN CIRCLES...

AS A RESULT, RUMORS STARTED TO SPREAD ABOUT A MYSTERI-OUS NEW FEMALE MODEL.

/ CONTINUED IN VOLUME 4. \

NANAMI AND KAORU ARE ALONE TOGETHER AT KAORU'S PLACE...

PREVIEW FOR THE NEXT VOLUME

O-OKAY, FIRST THINGS FIRST!

I'M GONNA MAKE DINNER FOR NOW!

I'M HUNGRY, SO YEAH.

YOU...

YOU LIKE SIMMERED MEAT AND POTATOES, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD ME BEFORE...

!?

SHE ATTEMPTS TO COOK EVEN THOUGH SHE'S NOT VERY USED TO IT!

I PREFER THE TASTE OF THE SIMMERED MEAT AND POTATOES THAT YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH, NANAMI.

I CAN FEEL THAT YOU DID YOUR BEST TO MAKE THIS BECAUSE OF THAT.

THANKS.

IT'S DONE!

IT'S COOKED THROUGH, RIGHT?!

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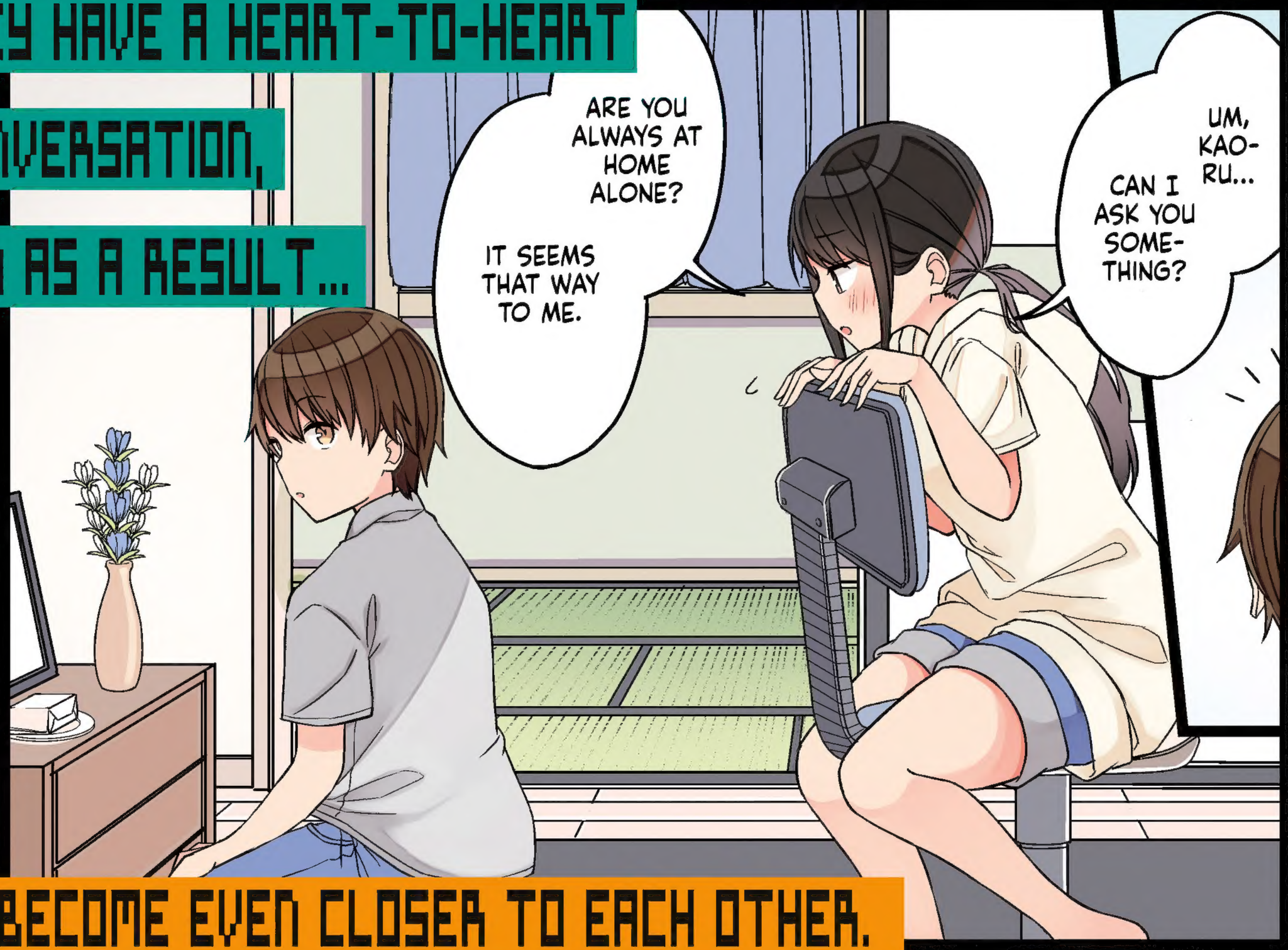
THEY HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART CONVERSATION, AND AS A RESULT...



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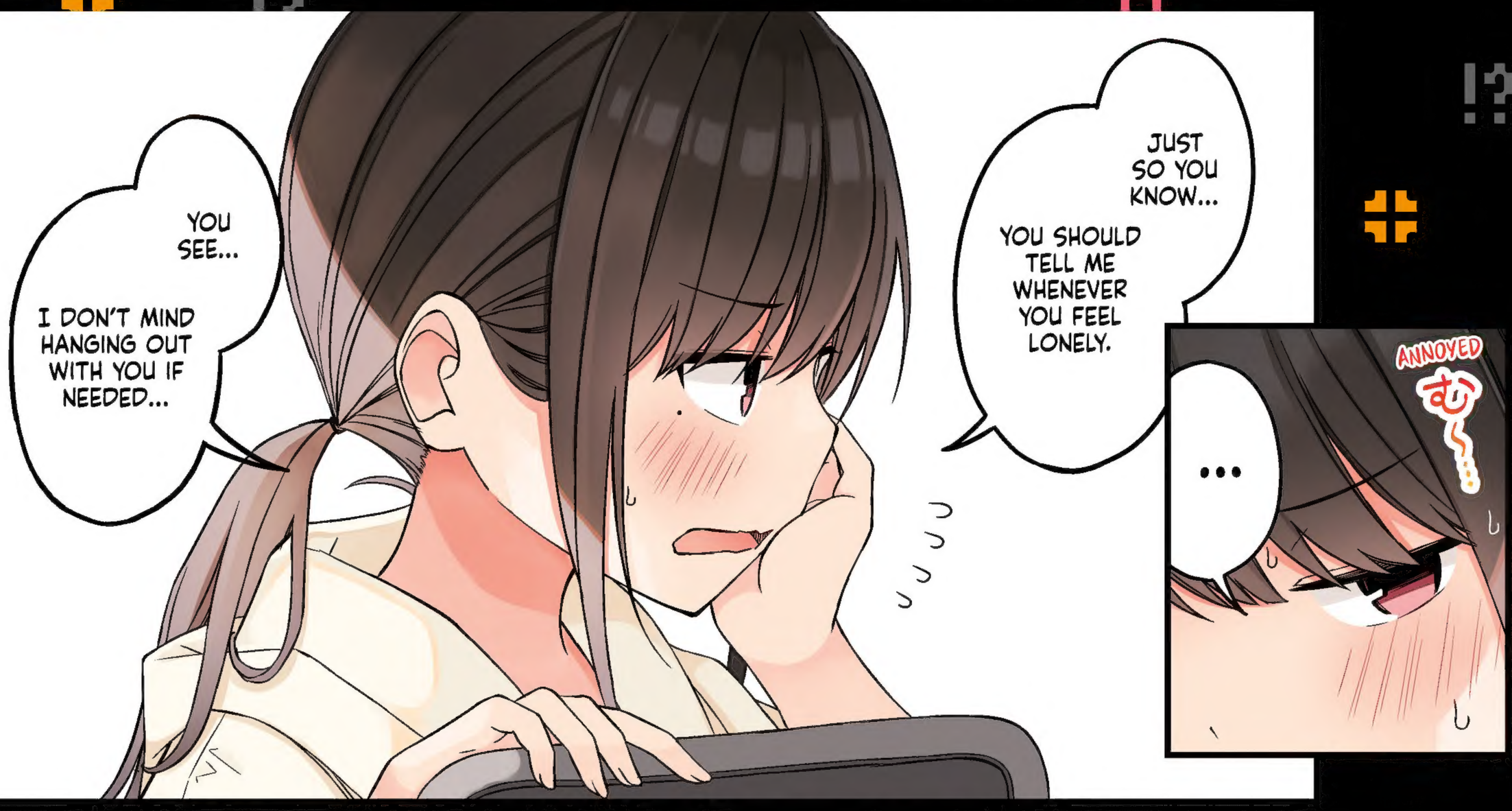

VOLUME FOUR OF *SOMETIMES EVEN REALITY IS A LIE!* IS COMING SOON!

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Sometimes Even Reality Is a Lie!

[FLOOR PLAN (FUTURE)]

BY THE WAY, NANAMI ...

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN A CONDO IN THE FUTURE, OR DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN YOUR OWN DETACHED HOUSE?

WELL, I'D PREFER A DETACHED HOUSE.

I SEE.

I'D WANT TWO STORIES AS WELL SO I CAN HAVE MY OWN ROOM, AND...

...

WAIT, IS THIS WHAT I THINK IT IS?

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REALIZE

IS HE ASKING ME WHERE WE WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE?!

NAH. IT'S KAORU, SO...

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OR MAYBE NOT...?

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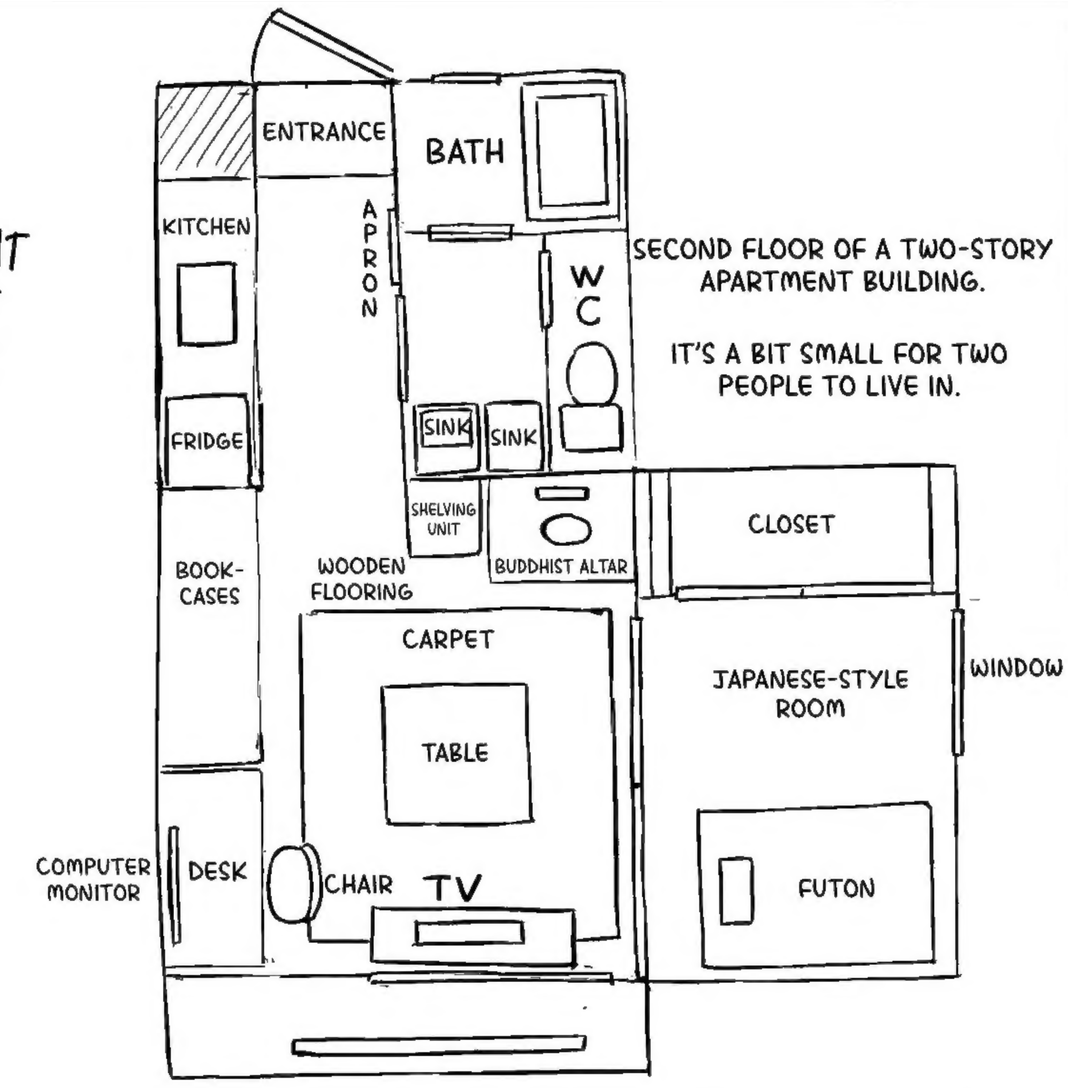
HE ISN'T ACTUALLY IMPLYING ANYTHING.

[FLOOR PLAN (PRESENT)]

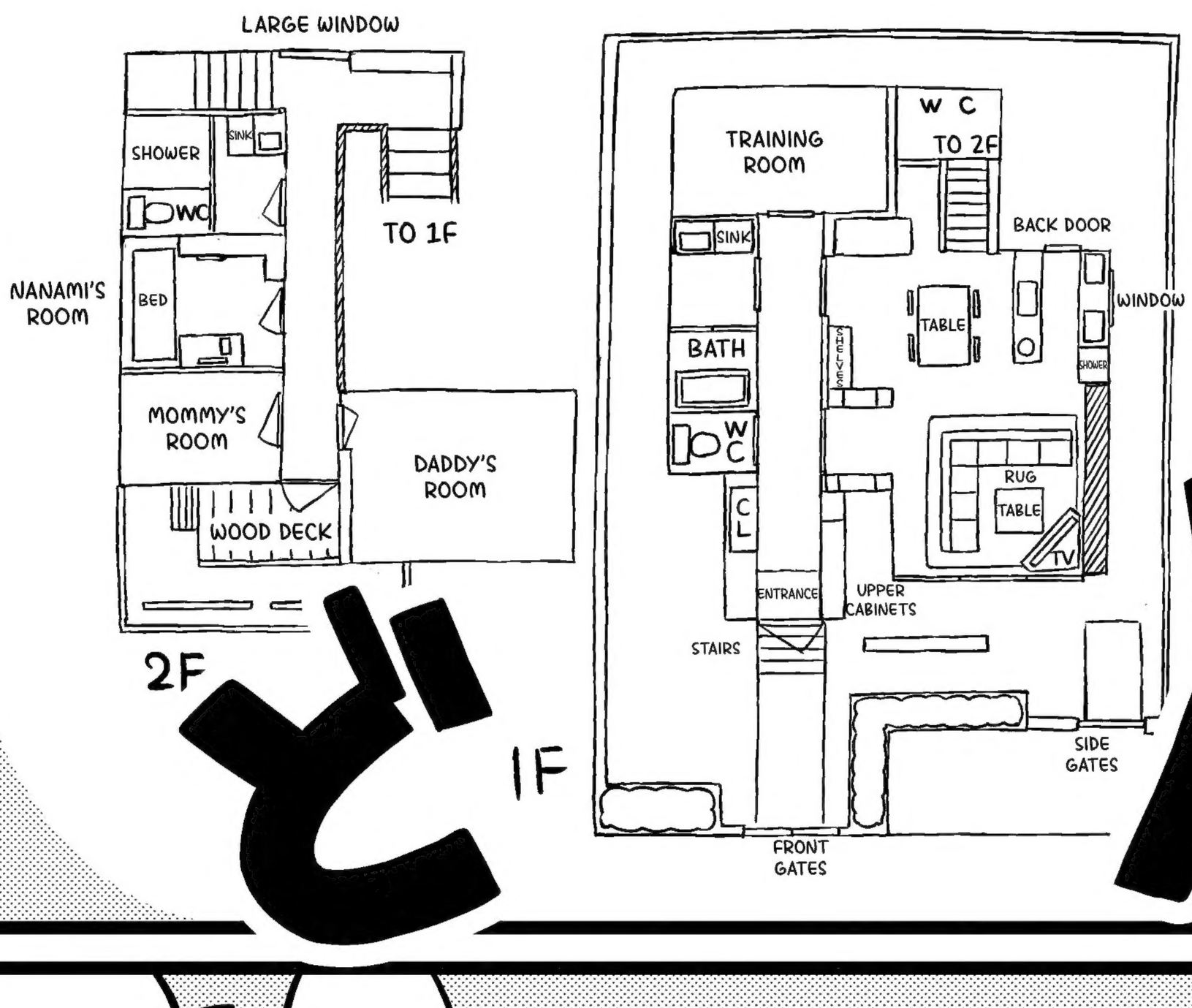
THIS APARTMENT IS ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD.



SECOND FLOOR OF A TWO-STORY APARTMENT BUILDING.

IT'S A BIT SMALL FOR TWO PEOPLE TO LIVE IN.

FLOOR PLAN OF KAORU'S PLACE



FLOOR PLAN OF NANAMI'S PLACE

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BAM!?

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